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Serbs find ammunition hidden in UN aid truck

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

UNITED Nations efforts to bring aid to besieged areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina were seriously undermined yesterday when more than 7,500 rounds of ammunition were found hidden in a UN relief lorry heading for a Muslim area of Sarajevo.

The rifle and machinegun bullets, wrapped in old clothes and packed in 48 boxes crammed between crates of flour, were discovered by Serb soldiers at a checkpoint between the airport and the city. UN officials later found another 9,000 rounds of ammunition and 24 sacks of gunpowder concealed under two containers at the airport, where relief lorries are loaded.

Representatives of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and of the UN protection force witnessed the inspection of the lorry at the checkpoint, and promised a full enquiry.

A UN spokesman said that the checkpoint soldiers had seen what appeared to be wooden boxes jammed between the flour containers and their pallets. After hours of delay, a crane was brought to hoist the flour from the platforms and expose the boxes. Half contained 7.9mm ammunition for sniper rifles and small machineguns, the others held 12.7mm tracer bullets for heavy machineguns.

The soldiers threatened relief workers on the lorry, but there was no violence and the UN representatives were allowed to leave.

Bosnian Serbs have long accused UN agencies of complicity in running arms and supplies to Muslim and Croat forces, and have used their suspicions as justification for frequent attacks on the aid convoys. Yesterday's discovery can only add to the dangers faced by UN forces — including 2,400 British soldiers — escorting the relief workers.

The protection force and the high commissioner for refugees have repeatedly rejected all charges of favouring any faction in the conflict, and only this week, European leaders reinforced their determination not to arm any of the warring parties. Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State, suggested on Monday that the ban on arming the Muslims might be lifted if the Serbs did not cooperate with the UN peace process, but Douglas Hurd said such a move would only create a "level killing field".

The ammunition discovery was the second blow to the UN relief effort yesterday. General Philippe Morillon, the UN commander had earlier been mobbed by 300 Serb women and forced to turn back as he tried to reach Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia. The women, who scrawled "Morillon Hitler" on his armoured car, accused him of betraying an agreement to secure the release of 18,000 Serbs from Muslim-held Tuzla.

The general was extricated from the mêlée by the Serb general Manojlo Milovanovic, who told him: "I can do nothing. These are angry sisters, mothers and wives of killed soldiers." General Milovanovic underlined the Serb snub by using his helicopter to escort General Morillon from Zvornik to the no-man's-land between Serb and Bosnian territory, defying the UN air exclusion zone which Nato will begin enforcing from noon GMT on Monday. American, Dutch and French aircraft will police the skies, with British Tornados in reserve. Germany was only last night authorised by its supreme court to help in the operation.

General Morillon had been hoping to establish a base for about 120 Canadian peacekeepers in Srebrenica to stabilise a shaky ceasefire, ensure orderly evacuation of the sick and wounded, and to open a safe corridor for aid for those who wish to stay. But the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said that the Bosnian Serb authorities were still deciding whether to let UN be stationed in the town.

The UN did, however, manage to rescue about 1,500 refugees from the besieged town yesterday. Fourteen lorries arrived at the town with food and left packed with displaced people. More lorries waited outside the town to prevent a repeat of the crush that had killed 13 people on two earlier convoys.

The mission was the first since the UN announced plans for daily convoys to take up to 15,000 Muslims to safety. The UN had hoped to launch the programme on Tuesday, but Bosnian Muslim soldiers forced the lorries to leave empty saying the UN was conniving in the Serb policy of "ethnic cleansing".

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End of the road: General Morillon's UN convoy surrounded by a crowd of angry Serbs near the eastern Bosnian town of Zvornik yesterday

Dejected senator says IRA meeting failed

BY EDWARD GORMAN
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

GORDON Wilson's single-handed attempt to try to talk the IRA into ending its campaign of violence ended in failure yesterday and left a man almost broken by the experience of confronting his daughter's killers.

Mr Wilson met a man and a woman representing the IRA at a secret location in Northern Ireland on Wednesday night for what the Provisionals later said was a friendly and forthright two-and-a-half-hour discussion.

The meeting came after Mr Wilson asked for face-to-face talks with those responsible for the death of his daughter Marie at the Enniskillen Remembrance Day bombing in 1987. It was a despondent and emotional man who confronted the cameras yesterday to tell how he came quickly to realise, as the talks proceeded, that he alone could do nothing to break the IRA's determination to continue.

Close to tears, Mr Wilson, an Irish senator, said he had tried to appeal to the humanity of those before him to think again. "I told them about the suffering that is Northern Ireland," he said. "I of course told them about what I found in Warrington [at the funeral of Johnathan Ball] and about what those people are suffering. I had thousands of letters encouraging me and praying for me in the hope that I might achieve something. They seemed unmoved."

Mr Wilson's failure was made worse for him by the IRA's manipulation of its media presentation. The Provisionals stole a march on him by issuing their own statement on the talks before he could on Wednesday night. It said the meeting highlighted "the urgent need for comprehensive talks involving all the parties to the conflict and open dialogue to bring lasting peace."

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Thinking positive



● "I've had some moments of black despair. But look how lucky I am . . ." Holly Johnson, star of the pop group Frankie Goes to Hollywood, revealed this week that he is HIV positive (see Page 3 today). In the Times Magazine tomorrow he talks exclusively to Alan Jackson about his attitude to Aids, sex, drugs and rock'n'roll.

● PLUS: Fashion supplement — 36 pages of spring/summer looks for the new dandy.

Easter tips



● A parents' A-to-Z guide to Easter events is at the heart of Weekend, which also includes a tale of two parishes; travel; food; drink; gardening; television; and — of course — the jumbo crossword

● PLUS: Six Men of Power: a 20-page special supplement on the post-war era by Roy Jenkins

MARATHON

Runners all

● The biggest race in the world: full results of the London Marathon on April 18 will be published exclusively in The Times.

Six-mile jams slow getaway

THE Easter exodus began in earnest yesterday with holidaymakers filling airport terminals and traffic tailbacks stretching up to six miles long on several key routes.

Gatwick experienced its busiest day of the year and InterCity and British Rail's continental services department reported a hectic time, as did ferry companies with heavy bookings.

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Unions threaten summer strife

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS fear a wave of public sector disruption this summer after a third teachers' union came closer to joining a boycott of school tests and talks between British Rail and transport unions broke down.

Amid growing concern in senior ministerial and Conservative circles of a "hidden dimension" to the union pressure, John Patten, education secretary, was rebuffed by the Association of Teachers and Lecturers only 24 hours after offering concessions. Its conference in Cardiff voted unanimously to ballot members on joining the boycott. If, as expected, the ALT defies ministers, government plans to assess 1.2 million children next term will almost certainly be wrecked.

Fearful of inflaming the dispute, Mr Patten refrained from a direct counter-attack, protesting only that a boycott would damage pupils and undermine the official review of the national curriculum and testing he announced to the conference on Wednesday.

In other moves yesterday, talks between British Rail and the rail unions failed to stop next Friday's one-day strike over possible job losses, and the National Union of Mineworkers announced a second 24-hour strike for the same day.

As the industrial scene darkened, senior ministerial sources and Conservative backbenchers claimed the unions were "flexing their muscles" in the belief that they could wring further concessions from a government weakened by winter setbacks. Labour MPs will see their allegations as an attempt to divert attention from policy failures.

Tories backed up their accusations by pointing out that Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, had linked pay and testing twice in the past few weeks.

Last month he said: "We may not be able to move the government on pay this year, but we can tackle the problem of workload." In February, he was quoted as saying that the minimal pay award would "add to the 'yes' vote in our ballot to boycott national tests and assessments".

James Pawsey, MP for Rugby and Kenilworth and chairman of the backbench Tory education committee, said: "We have industrial action from the miners, the rail unions and the NAS/UWT with the threat of two more unions joining in. It does seem that the trade union movement is flexing its muscles and seeking a showdown with the

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Anglican theologian defects

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING Anglican theologian will tomorrow defect to the Roman Catholic church as divisions within the Church of England continue to grow over the ordination of women priests.

The defection by Sheridan Gilley, chair of the theology department at Durham University, is the first by an Anglican of high theological stature since the November vote on ordaining women.

Dr Gilley's disclosure yesterday that he is to be received into the Roman Catholic church came as divisions also surfaced in London diocese.

Two of London's four area bishops turned down an invitation by the Bishop of London, Dr David Hope, to celebrate a eucharist with him at St Paul's cathedral and instead held their own services. Clergy in Edmonton and Kensington were torn between whether to attend the service of their area bishop or that of Dr Hope, their diocesan bishop.

London, which has the largest number of women deacons as well as the largest number of Anglo-Catholic opponents of women priests, is the diocese where schism is

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Salvation Army sacks executive

BY ANGELA MACKAY

THE Salvation Army yesterday dismissed one of its senior officers and moved three others to different posts after a two-month investigation into a scheme that lost the charity $8.8 million (£6 million).

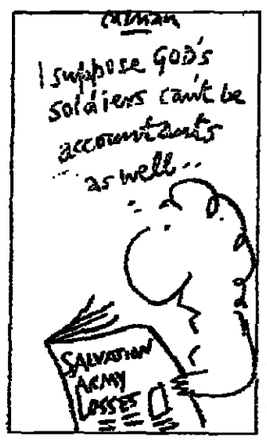
The Charity Commission confirmed that it had also begun an independent enquiry. It has been given an interim report by Coopers & Lybrand, the accountants, explaining how the Salvation Army was persuaded to part with the cash despite warnings from its financial advisers. It signed over $10 million believing it would be invested on money markets for a high return, but most of the funds were allegedly removed from the army's account in Luxembourg and placed into several accounts outside its control.

The army has brought proceedings against two men and a Panamanian company to try to recover the cash. One of the men, Stuart Ford, a financial adviser from the Midlands, was arrested yesterday and released on police bail. The other, Gamil Naguib, an Egyptian-born banker, is thought to be abroad.

General Eva Burrows, the army's most senior officer, sacked Lt Colonel Grenville Burn, its public relations secretary, because, the army claimed, he "took unauthorised action without consulting or informing any of his superior officers" even though "he believed he was acting in the best interests of the army". Colonel Burn also introduced to the army the men who allegedly conducted the fraud.

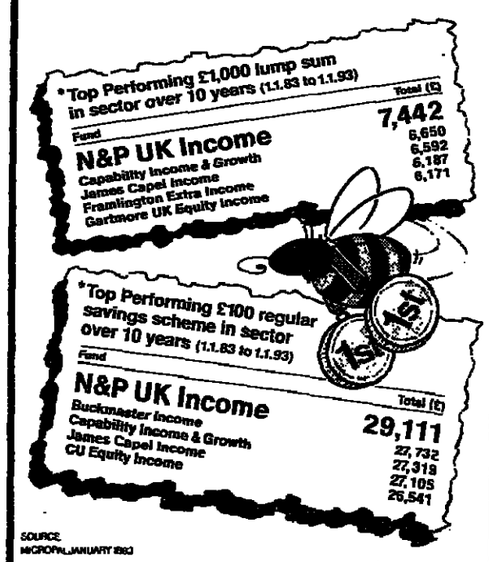
Commissioner John Larsson, the UK territorial commander, and Commissioner Ian Cutmore, chief secretary, will receive new appointments. Lt Col Ivor Rich was ordered to relinquish his role as business administration secretary; he will take up another army post in America.

Scotland Yard's fraud squad is investigating the affair, which spread from London to Tokyo, America and Europe.



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Top stores at odds over solution to Sunday trading

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

■ The political disarray over Sunday shopping has led to top-name high street stores breaking ranks over opening hours

ALL-OUT war over Sunday trading was declared between leading stores yesterday, after a new initiative from some retailers proposed severe restrictions on seven-day trading except before Christmas.

Many of the biggest stores, led by Marks & Spencer, have linked up to campaign for a compromise on the long-running question of Sunday trading. They fear that deregulation would spread existing business over seven days, rather than creating more sales, bringing increased costs for retailers that would be passed on to customers.

The campaign was denounced by Sainsbury's and Tesco who complained that the M&S group, called Retailers for Shops Act Reform (RSAR), was ignoring the wishes of customers.

RSAR has sent a list of proposals to Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary:

☐ all shops to be allowed to open on the four Sundays before Christmas;

☐ restrictions on Sunday opening lifted for DIY stores, garden centres and convenience/leisure stores covering less than 3,000 sq ft;and

☐ statutory protection for workers who refuse to work on Sundays.

Other retailers in RSAR are House of Fraser, C&A, the Burton group which includes Debenhams and Top Shop, Next, the Sears group including Dolcis and Selfridges, Gateway, Budgens, Iceland and the OPEN group, representing small stores such as Spar.

They carried out a cross-party poll of 100 MPs which showed that 49 per cent supported their proposals of partial deregulation of Sunday trading.

RSAR said: "This was more than the support indicated for the total regulation, Shopping Hours Reform Council or Keep Sunday Special options that the government has indicated will be included in its bill."

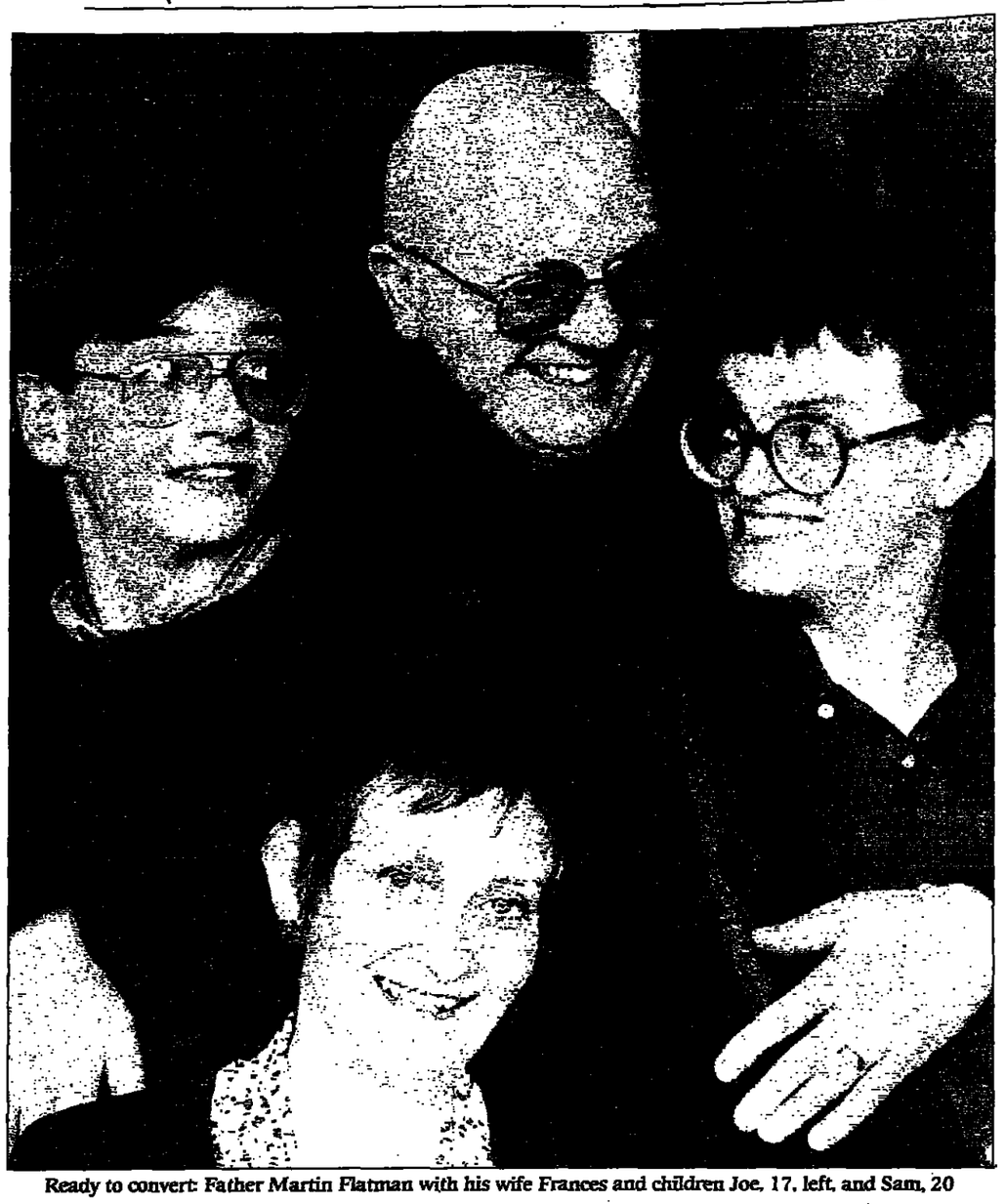
Sainsbury's said: "Each Sunday over one million people visit Sainsbury's stores and enjoy being able to do so throughout the year. By only allowing supermarkets to open on the four Sundays before Christmas, these proposals are even more draconian than the present outdated law." It supports the Shopping Hours Reform Council proposal to allow small shops unlimited opening hours and large shops to open for restricted hours. David Malpas, managing director of Tesco, said: "Marks & Spencer's proposals would make England and Wales a laughing stock; countries where you could buy food in an Esso shop rather than in a Tesco."

The timing of the dispute is crucial as a private member's bill, sponsored by the Labour MP Ray Powell, is scheduled for its report stage debate in the Commons on May 14. The bill originally allowed very limited relaxation of the law, with Sunday opening limited to shops of no more than 1,500 sq ft. But it was changed at the committee stage, bringing it into line with RSAR's ideas.

The home secretary hopes to introduce a bill, possibly in the autumn, which, unusually, will give MPs a list of options for reforming the Sunday opening hours. These will range from minor reform on the lines of the Keep Sunday Special proposals to total deregulation.

The Home Office confirmed yesterday that it had spoken to M&S officials about the RSAR proposals.

Churches meet to plan policy on dissidents' conversion



Ready to convert: Father Martin Flatman with his wife Frances and children Joe, 17, left, and Sam, 20

Bishops draw up guide for transfer

By Our Religion Correspondent

ROMAN Catholic and Church of England bishops are considering guidelines to oversee Anglican clergy who wish to convert because of the General Synod's decision to ordain women, an Anglican bishop said last night.

The Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, said the joint pastoral guidelines are likely to be based on some in use in Canada, where women have been ordained priests for more than ten years. The guidelines are being planned as Catholic and Anglican bishops throughout England meet and counsel clergy unable to accept the synod's decision last November.

Church leaders are concerned that an influx of Anglican clergy to the Catholic Church might damage the accord that has developed between the two churches over the past 50 years. They hope to forestall any deterioration in ecumenical relations.

In a Vatican statement this week, Dr Joaquin Navarro-Vals, the press office director, said no contradiction should be seen between proposals which might be put forward by the English Catholic bishops and the search for full communion.

Bishop Santer has been working with the Right Rev Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Catholic bishop of Arundel and Brighton, to smooth a path between the two churches for clergy who wish to move to Rome. The bishops, who jointly chair the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission, have proposed a joint episcopal commission to monitor the affair. Their proposal will be debated by Catholic bishops after Easter and by Anglican bishops in June.

Bishop Santer said: "In Canada there are guidelines drawn up by bishops of both churches for handling moves from one church to another. The guidelines would include a checklist, such as ensuring that family obligations of a married man do not slip."

The Right Rev Richard Harries, Anglican Bishop of Oxford, is working on plans to resurrect the Anglican high church tradition with the few traditionalist clergy expected to remain.

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Rebels fear the financial future

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

AS AN Anglican clergyman who feels so strongly about women priests that he is prepared to give up his stipend of £12,000, his vicarage and his parish, the Rev Martin Flatman is facing the future with concern.

He is one of 40 Anglican clergy who have talked to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Maurice Couve de Murville, about the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest. Nearly every Catholic bishop in England has been approached by distressed Anglican clergy unable to accept the decision by their own church in November to ordain women.

Fr Flatman and at least 250 other Anglican clergymen who hope to become Catholic priests, received new encouragement this week with a Vatican statement that gave the green light to would-be converts. They are expected to leave the Anglican church as soon as women are ordained, later this year or early next year. Up to 1,000 could go eventually.

Not all are expected to become Catholic priests. Even the most generous formula arrived at by the Catholic Church would involve a conversion and possible reordination process that could take at least two years, and some might be unable to accept the accompanying financial hardship.

Under the compensation package agreed by the General Synod of the Church of England, Fr Flatman, 46, married with children aged 20 and 17, will receive his full stipend for a year, plus a sum to compensate for the loss of his home, if he resigns for reasons of conscience. In ensuing years, the amount of compensation falls to zero. As a Catholic priest, he would earn less than the tax allowance of £3,445.

Fr Flatman, vicar of Cowley St John, Oxford, does not see the issue as one of women priests but as one of authority. He does not believe that any church is entitled to admit women to priestly orders without a full council of the universal church.

He said last night: "The financial side does worry me. But I am better off than many, because my children are older and my wife works. I do not expect the Catholic church to ordain us straight away. I expect we will have to manage on our compensation package for about two years. It is going to be difficult."

Education debate

Patten beleaguered as moderate union joins exams revolt

By Ben Preston, Education Reporter

THE teachers' rebellion against compulsory classroom tests intensified yesterday as the main moderate union voted unanimously to ballot members on industrial action.

The Association of Teachers and Lecturers (ATL) joined the formidable coalition massing against this summer's national curriculum tests for seven and 14-year-olds. Widespread disruption now looks inevitable. The decision left John Patten, the education secretary, isolated after the failure of his attempt on Wednesday to quell the revolt with a review to slim the curriculum and testing.

He is confronted by unions representing the majority of



Peter Smith: emphasis on need for compromise

classroom teachers. The National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT) has imposed a boycott, which the largest union, the National Union of Teachers, seems certain to join after its conference at the weekend.

The ATL, which last took industrial action 14 years ago under a Labour government, decided to ballot its 114,000 members later this month on action to limit teachers' workload. The motion passed by its annual conference in Cardiff was vaguely worded and avoided specific mention of the tests for legal reasons.

Ministers' best hope of averting disruption lies with an appeal by Wandsworth council, south London, on April 19 against the High Court ruling that the NAS/UWT boycott is lawful. ATL legal advice is that action taken directly against the tests on grounds of professional and educational concern would be vulnerable.

But Peter Smith, ATL general secretary, said a vote for action to limit workload would "almost inescapably" mean a boycott of the tests. A dispute threatened to be hard, bruising and protracted, with no guarantee of teachers holding public sympathy and no further government concessions.

Mr Smith emphasised at a news conference the need for compromise. He called for a review of the whole curriculum and next term's tests to be made voluntary. "Industrial action never solved a single problem. It identifies a problem and is a regrettable precursor to a solution."

Mr Patten had mistakenly analysed the dispute as the opportunism of a militant minority, he said. Instead it was rooted in the increased workload from the national curriculum and testing.

The frustration of delegates was shown in a protracted debate, often side-tracked by queries over the legality of any action. John Parkinson, of Don Valley High School, Scawthorpe, South Yorkshire, said teachers must fight back. Mr Patten "cannot continue to treat teachers with the disdain he has so far".

Mr Patten said in a statement that ATL's decision to ballot was not a vote to boycott. The government was very much alive to the concerns of serving teachers, which was the purpose of the review.

"A boycott would not be an appropriate response," he said. "It is important that any changes to the tests are properly thought through and a boycott would devalue the review by depriving Sir Ron Dearing [chairman designate of the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority] of the evidence he needs to make sensible decisions about the future evolution of the national curriculum and testing."

Critics urge measured review of testing

By John O'Leary
Education Correspondent

TWO of the leading figures responsible for designing the national curriculum and its controversial tests yesterday urged Mr Patten not to repeat earlier mistakes by rushing his review of the system.

Professor Paul Black, who chaired the group that produced the original tests, and Duncan Graham, first chairman of the National Curriculum Council, concede that a review is necessary. But they fear that the timescale for changes is too short.

Sir Ron Dearing, who is to chair the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, has been asked to report by the end of July on the possibility of introducing new tests next year. Teacher unions have said that further boycotts are likely next year if the present model remains.

Professor Black said: "I have been critical of the way the tests have developed, and now is a very good opportunity to review them. But part of the problem has been trying to do something radical too quickly, and to try to put it right with another quick fix would be disastrous."

Mr Graham said: "The curriculum took two years' solid work. A revolution within a year would be bound to magnify mistakes and produce something dominated by political whim of the moment."

Unlike Professor Black, Mr Graham supports the abandonment of this year's tests. "There is no merit in testing when the whole thing is going to be changed. That seems to be gratuitous."

Last summer Professor Black advised parents of 14-year-olds to take no notice of the results because they would be unreliable. The government had abandoned most of the principles embodied in his report, and the new tests would be too short.

He said yesterday that the tests had never been properly applied.

Tories braced for summer disputes

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government. It is unfortunate that the nation's children are being used as pawns in what is increasingly a political battle."

Mr Patten's hopes of repulsing the classroom uprising were not helped by fresh signs of disunity in Tory ranks. Sir Malcolm Thornton, Conservative chairman of the all-party Commons education committee, renewed his call for a suspension of this summer's tests so that the review under Sir Ron Dearing, incoming chairman of the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority, could resolve the arguments. Sir Malcolm said it was a "positive virtue" for ministers to admit occasionally that "we got it wrong".

He added: "When John [Patten] is faced with an overwhelming vote here from teachers, parents and educationists the length and breadth of the country, he should back off a little bit and let Ron Dearing have his review." The result would be the partnership sought by Sir Ron, with teachers "working with the grain of reform" for the good of children.

Mr Pawsey said he was at a loss to understand why the teaching unions were intent on pressing ahead with the boycott. Senior Tory officials said they believed that the "hidden dimension" behind the renewed outbreak of teacher militancy was frustration over the pay ceiling. Union leaders knew they would not win much public sympathy for strikes for more money. Instead, they were trying to undermine the government's authority by exploiting the dispute over testing.

Tory officials also claimed that Peter Smith, general secretary of the ALT, had performed a rapid U-turn over testing. He now wanted the tests postponed, but in February he urged English teachers to abandon thoughts of a boycott in response to an earlier "significant compromise" from Mr Patten. Yesterday Mr Smith said that pressure for a ballot on a boycott was irresistible. Mr Patten had made a "fatal error of judgment" in blaming the dispute on a militant minority of teachers who were making a political protest against the government.

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Fowler tells of good times ahead

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

THE prime minister has the nerve and determination to see the government through its current difficulties, Sir Norman Fowler said yesterday as he held out the prospect of renewed prosperity and more jobs.

In remarks reflecting growing ministerial optimism that the worst of the recession is over, the Tory party chairman said that there were "clear signs of recovery" in rising car sales and evidence of renewed activity in the housing market.

In a party political broadcast on the first anniversary of the Conservatives' election victory, he also sought to bolster John Major's own standing, which has yet to recover from the economic storms of the winter.

Sir Norman acknowledged there had been difficulties in the past year, but insisted that there had also been real achievements. Inflation, interest rates and mortgage repayments were all sharply down.

"A year ago, I travelled round Britain with the prime minister. In the whole of that tough election campaign John Major never flinched, he never lost his nerve, and his determination never wavered. He won that election despite every prediction. He showed then how courageous he is and how much he understands the challenges facing Britain ... they are the strengths Britain needs."

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News in Brief

House prices rise only in Scotland

Scotland is the only region in Britain where house prices rose over the past three months, while in East Anglia and Greater London prices have shown the greatest falls, according to the latest Halifax regional house price survey, which is produced every three months.

Prices in Scotland rose by 2.6 per cent over the past quarter. Prices fell by 3.9 per cent in East Anglia and 2.4 per cent in Greater London, the country's two worst housing market black-spots. In Wales prices have remained flat. In the North, and Yorkshire and Humberside, prices fell by 0.8 per cent and 1.2 per cent, and by 1 per cent in the North West. In Northern Ireland, prices fell by 2.3 per cent.

Mirror claims damages

Mirror Group Newspapers has threatened to sue *UK Press Gazette*, the trade magazine for journalists, unless it pays £50,000 damages and prints an apology for publishing a column by Paul Foot, written for and critical of the management at his former employer, the *Daily Mirror*. Tony Loynes, the editor and publisher of *UK Press Gazette*, said that he had no intention of complying with the *Mirror's* demands and denied that the magazine was guilty of breach of copyright.

Vicar found dead

A vicar has been found dead in his car after being arrested by police investigating an allegation of indecency. The Rev Brian Law, 56, of St Philip and St Paul's church in Southport, Merseyside, was arrested on Monday and released on bail pending further enquiries. Police did not disclose the nature of the alleged offence, but it is understood that it involved indecency with a boy aged 10. Mr Law, married with a son, was found dead in his garage on Tuesday. A length of hose was attached to the car exhaust.

Smuggling charges

Customs officers investigating a smuggling ring bringing van loads of drink and cigarettes across the Channel charged 12 men yesterday with evasion of excise duty. The investigation has been into breaches of new EC regulations in which thousands of gallons of drink has been bought in Calais and sold by market traders and shops in South Wales.

Plane crash kills two

Two people were killed and a third was severely injured yesterday when their light aircraft crashed into a hill near Teignmouth, Devon, in thick fog. No one else was on board. The plane, thought to be flying from Jersey to Exeter airport, came down in a field at the top of Breakneck Hill. The survivor was taken to Torbay hospital.

Leading Anglican theologian to defect today

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most likely if Dr Hope does not find a solution.

Dr Hope, who voted against women priests in November, is undecided on whether to allow women to be ordained and to work as vicars in his diocese. Opponents are urging him to make a declaration that would create a "no-go area" for women in London.

Yesterday he compared the agony of the decision to Christ's agony in the garden before his crucifixion. He said: "Are we or are we not to have women priests in the diocese of London? That is the question. I am most deeply aware on this day of all days of our Lord's prayer in the agony of the garden. Because agony, I have to tell you, is what sometimes it feels like."

A spokesman for the Bishop of Edmonton, the Right Rev Brian Masters, said the rival service, attended by about 150 clergy, was less a snub to Dr Hope than an "administrative cock-up". He and the Bishop of Kensington, the Right Rev John Hughes, had arranged the Maundy Thursday masses in advance and were unable to cancel them, he said.

But one highly-placed churchman said that the bishops should have cancelled their services and told their clergy to go to St Paul's as a final display of unity.

The Rev John Broadhurst, who attended the Edmonton service, said: "There was a real sense of a final occasion. There is a real sense of sadness, that it is the end of an era. It was not a snub to Dr Hope. This service was arranged last year."

Dr Gilley's departure, on grounds of authority and the rise of liberalism in the church, is expected to be the trigger for other senior laymen and women to follow soon. Ann Widdecombe, social security minister, will be received into the Catholic church in the crypt at Parliament, where monthly Catholic masses began recently, on April 21.

Dr Gilley is a leading specialist on Cardinal John Henry Newman, who founded the Oxford Movement before converting to Rome in 1845. The Oxford Movement led to the traditionalist Anglo-Catholic movement behind the present opposition to women priests. His job will not be affected because it is not in the gift of the church.

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Correction

In the guide to the Channel Tunnel link (March 20) Dartford was incorrectly shown as being southwest instead of northwest of the M25/A2 intersection.

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Salvation Army begins court action over alleged £6m fraud



Larsson: agreed bank transfer to Belgium

BY ANGELA MACKAY

THE financial adviser allegedly at the centre of the $8.8 million (£6 million) Salvation Army advance fee fraud was interviewed by police yesterday. Stuart Ford had been in America since the fraud was disclosed in February but returned of his own volition on Wednesday.

Mr Ford, 42, attended Holborn police station, central London, with his solicitor from Howell & Co, a Birmingham firm. He was bailed to return to court in October.

The Salvation Army has already begun civil proceedings in the High Court against Mr Ford, his associate Gamil Naguib and Tilen Securities, a Panama registered company. The writ accuses the two men of "fraudulently representing ... that they proposed to invest and/or had invested" the Salvation Army's cash "in the purchase of standby letters of credit or other bank instruments". Mr Ford was served with his writ yesterday outside the police station.

Police are interested in speaking to Egyptian-born Mr Naguib, 64, who has attracted their attention already through his association with a South American bank, the Islamic Panamerican Bank, whose headquarters is at a deserted building in Buenos Aires. Mr Naguib's whereabouts are unknown.

Mr Ford's association with the Salvation Army began almost two years ago when he was introduced as a good fund-raiser and former SAS officer. He built up a relationship with Lieut-Col Grenville Burn, the charity's public relations secretary and fund raiser who yesterday was dismissed from officership.

Mr Ford and Mr Naguib, who was introduced by his associate, promised the Salvation Army, whose British income last year was £80 million, an extraordinary 2 per cent return per week and in turn agreed to pay a 2.5 per cent commission on any sum raised.

The promised high yield puzzled some of the charity's City advisers who recommended that it act with caution. However, Colonel Burns continued to have confidence in Mr Ford and he pressed ahead.

Initially, in September 1991, Mr Ford offered a property-based funding proposal. When this failed to get off the ground he suggested in spring last year that the charity buy banking instruments at a discount and resell at a profit on a rolling programme. Mr Ford and Mr Naguib went abroad at the charity's expense, claiming they were going to interview prospective investors.

Last May, some of the Salvation Army's executive, Commissioners John Larsson and Ian Cutmore and Colonel Rich, agreed to transfer $10 million (£6.5 million) to a Belgian bank. Colonel Rich, Colonel Burn and Mr Ford were signatories on the account which could be operated by any two of them. The charity said yesterday it believed the bank, ASLK-CGER Bank, would "perform a watchdog role and vet the proposed purchase of any banking instrument". In June, Colonel Burn and Mr Ford transferred $8.8 million (£5.8 million) to a bank in Luxembourg. Colonel Burn acted without authority or advice and in doing so the Salvation Army lost control of the cash. Colonel Rich, who later found out about the transfer, was told the money had been used to buy a standby letter of credit which had then been sold for a $200,000 profit.

Assurances were offered at meetings attended by Mr Ford and Mr Naguib and once by Mr Ford's solicitor, when additional security was promised. It did not appear and Colonel Rich instructed Mr Ford to return the money, which he did not.

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Pop star with HIV tells of his fears

BY A STAFF REPORTER

HOLLY Johnson, the former lead singer of the pop group Frankie Goes To Hollywood, has spoken for the first time about contracting HIV, his fear at the prospect of developing Aids and his concern for friends and colleagues who have died of the disease. A full version of the interview, by the journalist Alan Jackson, will appear in tomorrow's *Times Magazine*.

Remembering the moment he was told he was HIV positive, Johnson says: "I didn't take it very well at all." He goes on: "It was a week or so before I received any counselling, and even then it was of no help initially because I was in such a state of panic. I could hardly hear what was said to me for fear of the media and what they would do when they got hold of the story. I imagined the headlines. I was afraid that the first thing they'd say was that this person who'd promoted a promiscuous homosexual lifestyle was, basically, getting his just desserts."

In the light of this fear, *The Times* wishes to point out that Johnson has granted no interviews to other newspapers on what was a most traumatic subject for him, his friends and his family. In particular, neither he nor Alan Jackson have spoken to *The Sun* newspaper, nor the *Sun* reporter Piers Morgan. It is a matter of regret that stories based on the magazine interview appeared in newspapers other than *The Times* yesterday.

Johnson emphasised that when his record "Relax" was released, which encouraged homosexuals to come to terms with their sexuality, the full implications of Aids were not well known. "HIV isn't the result of promiscuity, it's the result of not wearing a condom and of tardy education," he told Jackson. "Really, if the British government (and other people) had made themselves more aware of what was happening in America, we would have been educated sooner." "Relax" was released in 1983: the first government Aids awareness campaign began in 1986.

He was hesitant about admitting to his HIV status, because of the widespread misapprehensions about Aids. "I hope people's reaction to the news will make me glad that I've done it," he told Jackson. "I'm afraid of becoming a professional Person With HIV, because I don't think I'm particularly well equipped to be that. I have never been a militant gay man, or even a dedicated banner-waver. So I'm not setting myself up to be a spokesman. I'll just do the best I can."

Wife guilty of hiring gunman to kill husband

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL AND STEWART TENDLER

THE widow of a financial consultant was convicted yesterday of hiring an assassin to kill her hated husband on the doorstep of their home because she did not want to divorce him and lose his money.

Jean Daddow, 53, organised the murder of her husband Terry, a former consultant with Lloyds Bank, after taking over many of his finances in a network of accounts. Weeks before he was killed, she persauded him to change his £300,000 will in her favour.

Hours before he died, the couple had published an advertisement in a local newspaper attacking malicious gossip about their marriage and allegations involving elderly former clients of Mr Daddow.



Daddow: grew to hate man she claimed to love

Hove Crown Court convicted Daddow and Roger Blackman, 23, her son from a previous marriage, of conspiracy to murder. Robert Bell, 33, a former soldier arid small-time drugs dealer, was convicted of murder and conspiracy to murder.

After the verdicts, Det Supt Brian Foster, who led the investigation, said it was likely that Daddow had married her husband with murder in mind. Mr Justice Hidden remanded all three in custody for three weeks for reports and warned them that they faced long fixed-term sentences or life imprisonment.

Mr Daddow, 52, died instantly after Bell, of Headcorn, Kent, shot him through the heart at close range with a shotgun while Mrs Daddow waited in an upstairs room at their cottage in Northiam, East Sussex, in November 1991.

Daddow had taken money from an account she shared with her husband and had paid Bell £12,000 for the killing. The court was told that Daddow and Blackman, of Biddenden, Kent, had grown to hate Mr Daddow and had decided to recruit Bell. Daddow had considered divorce but was worried about the financial implications.

Mr Daddow became involved with his future wife when he was called in to deal with the theft of her credit cards. She lured him away from his wife and married him. They led an ostensibly ordinary life but police unearthed a picture of financial and sexual impropriety.

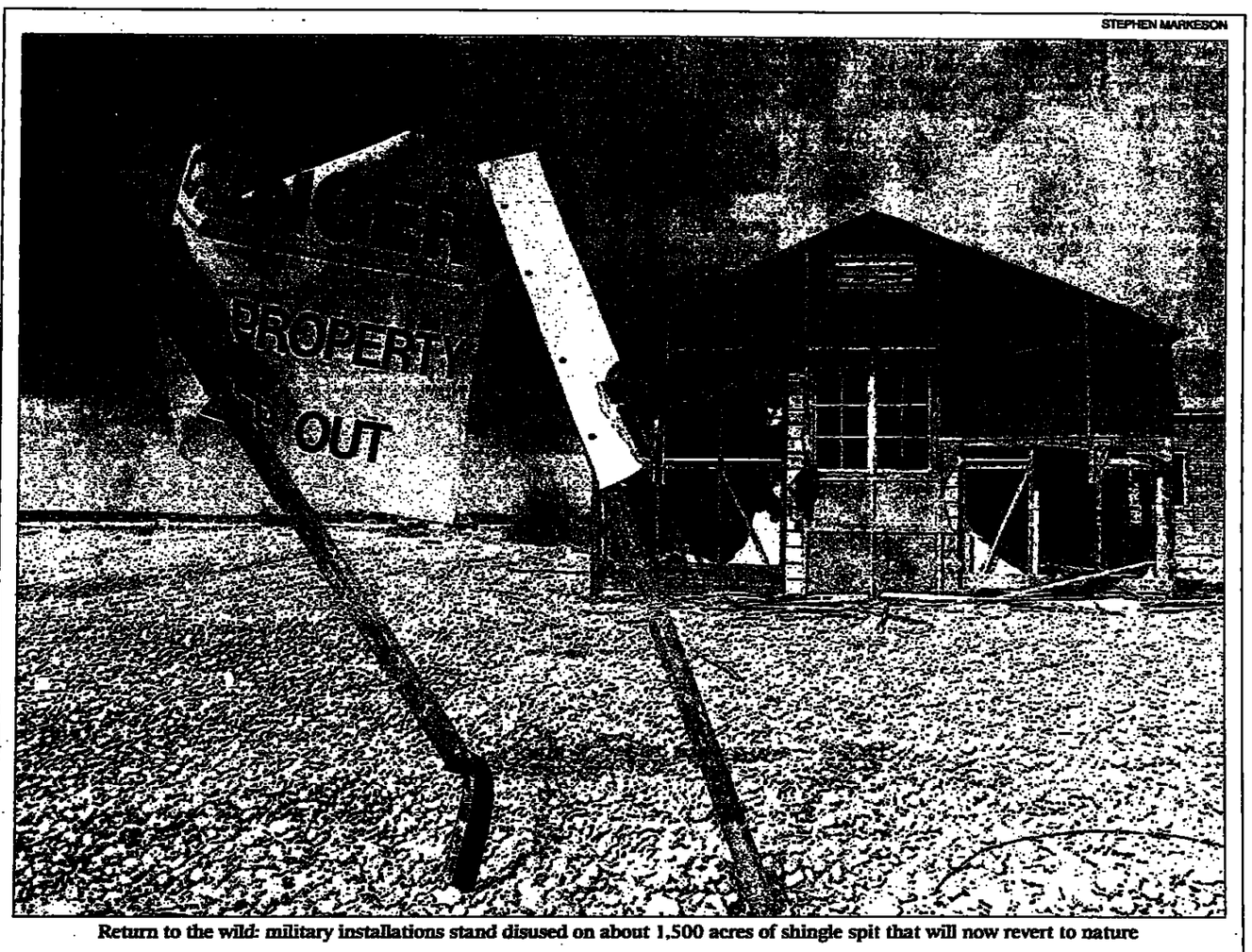
The £160,000 home was one of many "gifts" the couple acquired from elderly single women who had been clients of Mr Daddow. The manner in which the money was extracted raised suspicions and led to an investigation by fraud squad detectives and Lloyds Bank. No charges were brought but evidence in the trial showed that Mr Daddow had concocted an idea of blackmailing women with photographs taken after he had laced their drinks.

The Daddows' marriage was a turbulent affair. Mr Daddow was besotted with his wife and she told the jury she loved him. But during bouts of depression he drank heavily and turned on his wife, who wrote in her diary how she felt like a punchbag.

She set about moving his fortune into her hands. By the time he was killed, she had 30 bank and building society accounts under her control.

She masterminded a series of bizarre murder schemes for Bell, who claimed he deliberately bungled them. He accepted his role in an effort to clear the cannabis bill he had run up with Blackman.

STEPHEN MARKESON



Return to the wild: military installations stand disused on about 1,500 acres of shingle spit that will now revert to nature

National Trust opens a wilderness in the east

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

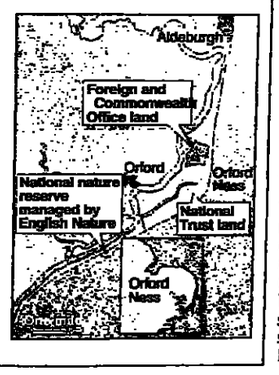
ORFORD Ness, a ten-mile shingle spit off Suffolk, is to be opened fully to the public after nearly eight decades as a testing ground for military weapons and equipment.

Some 1,550 acres of the spit, including five miles of foreshore, have been bought by the National Trust from the defence ministry. This brings to 520 miles the length of coast around England and Wales bought by the trust as part of Enterprise Neptune, its campaign to conserve areas of unusual interest or beauty. "The aim is to let most of the area revert to wilderness, an ideal place for walkers and bird-watchers who value remoteness," Paul Dickson, of the trust's East Anglia office, said. "It will probably take two years to clear up all the debris and make the area safe for the public."

The shingle is rich in plant life, including sea kale, the yellow-horned poppy and the purple-flowering sea pea. On the mud flats and marshes, the dominant flowers are sea lavender and sea purslane. The marshes provide feeding and roosting areas for widgeon, teal, mallard, pintail and other wildfowl.

Among the memorials to its recent past are two pagoda-like structures of reinforced concrete that were used in the 1950s and 1960s by the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment to test trigger mechanisms for atom bombs. In the first world war, the Central Flying School used the area for trials of airborne armaments. During the inter-war years, Barnes Wallis, the inventor of the "bouncing bomb", and other scientists did pioneering work on bomb ballistics, and Sir Robert Watson-Watt conducted early experiments with radar.

The trust plans to keep some of the buildings as monuments and to convert others for its own use. About 250 acres will be retained by the Foreign Office as a relay station for the BBC's external broadcasting service.



McCartney to beat Mersey blues with 'Fame' school

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

PAUL McCartney unveiled firm proposals yesterday for his "Fame" school in Liverpool, to open in 1995 and combat what he sees as a lack of hope among the city's children.

Students at the Liverpool Institute for Performing Arts will be taught by performers. McCartney will lecture and he is "betting on" the help of Ringo Starr, George Harrison and other "old friends".

The institute will offer degree courses, possibly a BA Entertainment, to students aged over 18. A-level passes will not necessarily be a condition of entry. Some of the students may go on to become technicians, record company executives or theatre administrators rather than performers.

Two thirds of the required £12 million has been raised to convert and equip the dilapidated Liverpool Institute for Boys, where McCartney and Harrison went to school. The European Community regional development fund yesterday joined the Queen, McCartney and Grundig, the German technology firm, in donating money. It is hoped that negotiations between the institute and the government will result in £4 million of state funding.

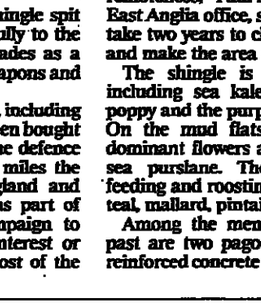
McCartney described himself as a "cheerleader" in trying to rejuvenate part of Liverpool and to inject some optimism into the pop music scene. "If you read the newspapers, a lot of us get the feeling that everything is about to collapse and we ask, 'will we make it into the next century?' So this idea for the school was based on trying to combat that, and to produce young people who will be useful in society and who will be useful in our own business, in music and theatre."

McCartney said that he would rather the school was a "drug-free zone", but he did not rule out illegal substances as a form of creative inspiration. "As to what people do in their own time, I am not getting into that."

His idea for the institute was conceived 11 years ago when he realised that his former school, built in 1825, was falling down. For the first time, he will allow one of his songs to be used in three television and radio commercials to promote the institute. "C'Mon People", from his latest album, will also advertise Grundig, which has provided 50 per cent of the private-sector funding.

He has always refused permission for his songs to be used in commercials, but he felt the link with the institute justified the exception.

The recession has made funding difficult. McCartney said he had approached 600 British companies for support, but 90 per cent had turned him down.



McCartney: wants a little help from his friends

Minorities leaders of enterprise

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

ETHNIC minorities produce more than 25 per cent more entrepreneurs than the white population, according to a study of the 1991 census figures published yesterday.

Five per cent of the economically active ethnic minority population were small businessmen and women who employed others, compared with only 3.8 per cent of the white population. More than 14 per cent of economically active Chinese ran their own firms, and almost 9 per cent of Bangladeshis. High levels of entrepreneurship are found among Indians and Pakistanis but the figure is lower in the black community, where fluency in English has made it easier to get work.

David Owen, who carried out the study for Warwick University's ethnic relations research centre, said: "These are traders who have found a niche in the market and they can create their own business." He said that many had been driven by economic necessity to launch their own firms. "They have had to rely on their own skills because, in many cases, they have been kept out of the mainstream employment market."

Clients paid for lawyer's luxury life

A SOLICITOR stole hundreds of thousands of pounds from his practice to finance a luxury lifestyle for himself, his two former wives and girl friend. Victor Harris has so far cost the Law Society more than £500,000 in compensation to clients and another £250,000 of claims is still being considered.

Harris, 39, was yesterday convicted of ten charges of theft, false accounting and deception at Isleworth Crown Court, west London. He was cleared of one theft charge.

Harris, who practised as Blakeney Greene and Co in Reading, Berkshire, was said to have used the money to buy property, cars and electrical goods for his ex-wives and girl friend. In the same year that he bought himself a £32,000 Jaguar, he bought his first wife a £21,000 BMW and his girl friend an £11,000 Ford.

Nicholas Dean, for the prosecution, said: "He received a salary of over £50,000 but even so, he could not maintain the sort of life-style I have described. He maintained his dishonesty to keep a facade together as long as possible."

Harris, of Wokingham, Berkshire, blamed his bank, his staff and even a client for his troubles. He will be sentenced next month.

Railway stokes boyhood dreams

BY TIM JONES
TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

SCORES of frustrated grown-up schoolboys who thought the chance had passed them by are being given the opportunity of becoming engine drivers. For £100, they can take charge of a 120-ton steam locomotive on half-day courses run by the Severn Valley Railway.

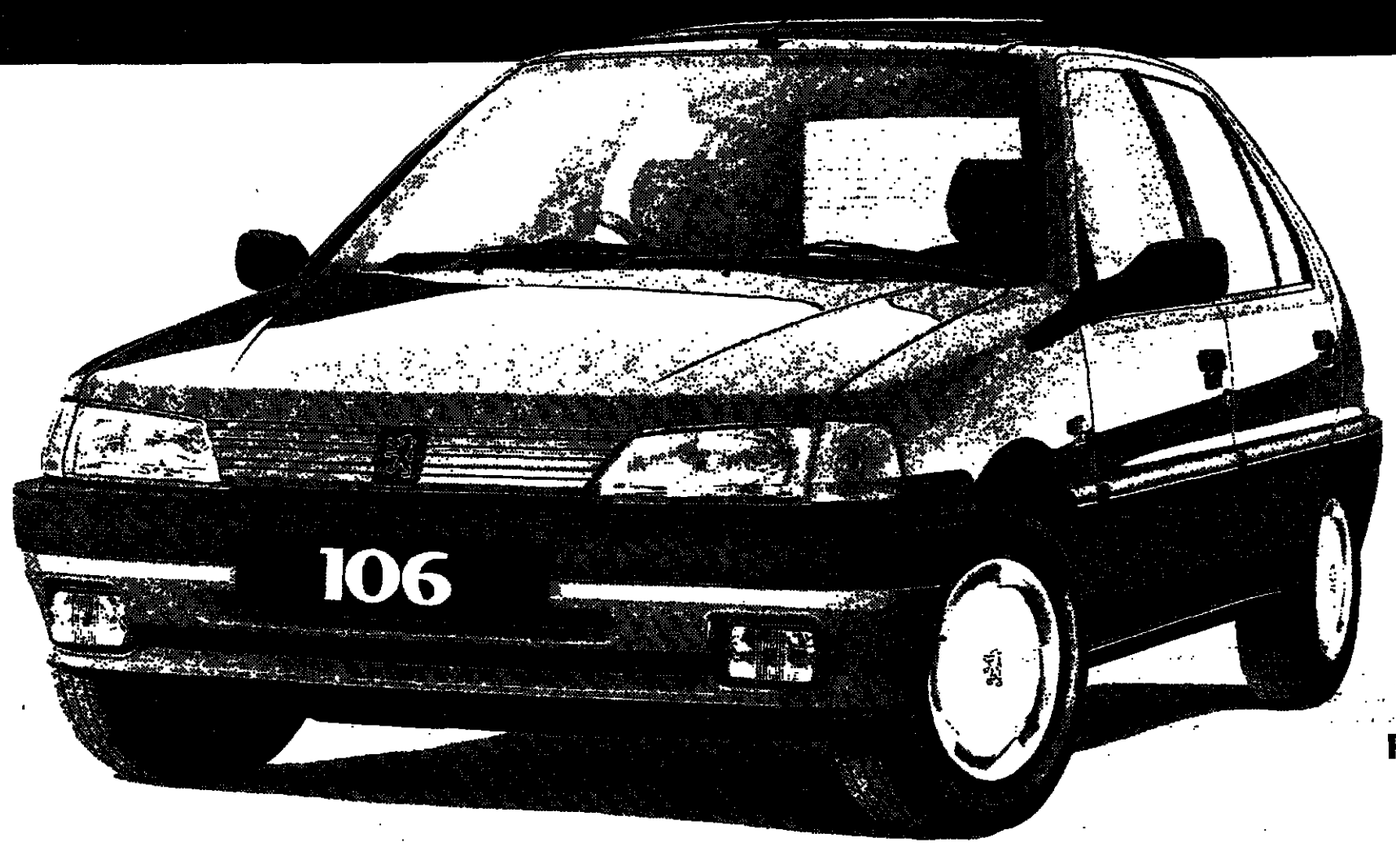
The railway is a private company, relying on the 200,000 passengers it attracts each year to provide a living for its 50 full-time employees. They are supported by more than 200 volunteers.

Those attending the courses, which begin later this month, will enter a world of hissing steam, polished brass, raging fires and mighty levers. One of the engines on which people will be instructed is the *Raveningham Hall*, a class 4-6-0 locomotive that fell to the Beeching axe and was rescued from a South Wales scrapyard. Brian Thomas, 60, its owner, will be one of the instructors. He believes there are thousands of lost souls whose dreams never got further than owning an electric train set. "These courses will give them the opportunity of laying those ghosts to rest."

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Off-road motorists face legal ban on ancient byways

By Tim Jones and John Young

■ The popularity of all-terrain vehicles has raised the question of whether centuries-old rights of way are still appropriate

THE government is considering new powers to prevent Britain's ancient ridgeways and byways from being churned up and destroyed by four-wheel-drive vehicles.

The growing popularity of off-road motoring has pitched its proponents into conflict with landowners, farmers, riders, conservation groups and ramblers. There is nothing to prevent vehicles from driving on historic routes such as the Ridge Way in Wiltshire and Berkshire.

Tracks have been badly rutted and there have been frequent complaints of noise and disturbance to wildlife. Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, was told last week that he had lost a five-year battle to stop vehicles from using a track across land he owns in Hampshire.

A working party established by the government to try to resolve the conflict has failed to agree a compromise. Its report, *The Future of Byways, is now being considered* by Michael Howard, the environment secretary. It says that byways must not be treated as just another highway but should be recognised as a prime recreational asset and given proper regulation, management and repair.

The law does not distinguish between the A1 and a green lane or stony mountain track. Unsurfaced tracks used by vehicles have been shown on maps as "roads used as public paths". More recent legislation has seen them reclassified as "byways open to all traffic".

Hampshire County Council, which has been reclassifying more than 500 paths, has discovered that many were ancient carriageways and legally had to be open to all traffic. It has had to respond to fierce opposition from people who fear that the tracks will become highways.

One proposal in the working party report is for four-wheel-drive clubs to issue licence plates to members, allowing them to use a byway at certain times. The idea has been strongly resisted by the *Ramblers' Association, which* believes Britain's 5,000 miles of byways should be closed to vehicles.

Janet Davis, the association's senior rights-of-way officer, said yesterday that it was no longer appropriate for byways to be open to all classes of vehicle. Walkers and riders should be able to find byways free of motor vehicles. It had no objections to bicycles or horse-drawn vehicles.

Last autumn, a public enquiry was held into a proposed traffic regulation order to ban motor vehicles from the Ridge Way on Sundays and bank holidays. The proposal was supported by the Countryside Commission and the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), but opposed by motorcyclists. A decision is still awaited.

William Sheate, the CPRE's transport campaigner, said that the council had recently published a briefing paper on byways. It was an issue that frequently taxed its members. "Getting changes made in the law can be very difficult, because some rights of way are ancient," he said.

"You can't just extinguish something that has been in existence for centuries because circumstances have changed, which is why our policy generally is to press for traffic regulation orders. We would *welcome any measures that* the government might take to prevent damaged and disruption by motor vehicles."

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JULIAN HERBERT

Arms and the women: cadets at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst awaiting inspection by King Husain of Jordan, who took the 111th sovereign's salute at the passing-out parade yesterday. The king, who was accompanied by Queen Noor, is a former cadet and was invited to take the salute by the Queen

Virgin joins battle for airwaves

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

VIRGIN Radio, Richard Branson's new national radio station, has brought forward the launch of its album chart show to Sunday — two weeks before Radio 1 begins broadcasting a similar programme. The spoiling operation highlights the open hostility between the stations as they fight for the adult rock audience.

Although Virgin Radio, which will be Britain's first national commercial rock station, does not go on air until April 30, it has been broadcasting *test transmissions on* its 1215AM frequency since April 1. Its decision to transmit its chart show on Sunday follows the announcement by Radio 1 last month that it would be launching a Top 30 album chart — the first in its 25-year history — on April 14.

Richard Skinner, Virgin's programme director, described Radio 1's decision as a "strange coincidence". He said: "We are not going to *hand over one of our best* ideas just like that."

The new station aims to appeal to Radio 1's older listeners. It has banned Kylie Minogue from its playlist.

Borders swans killed by mystery illness

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

A MYSTERY illness has devastated the swan population of Berwick-upon-Tweed.

The Hooper swans had been swimming on Ploughlands Pond, an inland loch that forms part of Lord Lothian's estate near Jedburgh in the Scottish borders. When the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals found them, 12 were dead and a further 15 were staggering about in distress.

The swans are being cared for by David Rollo, a vet, and his wife Barbara, who run the Berwick-upon-Tweed swan and wildlife trust. Six more have died since last weekend but the Rollos hope that the remaining nine, *which are* being tube-fed, will survive.

Mr Rollo says he has no idea what caused the deaths. Blood and serum samples have been sent for analysis. The swans appear to have been poisoned and a post-mortem examination showed that one swan's guts had stopped working, with food impacted in its gullet.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said the dead swans represented a sizable percentage of the winter population in the borders. "Hooper swans are an important species and the loss of this number is quite serious.

"There is speculation that they are suffering from botulism, although that tends to be found in stagnant water in the mid-summer. If they are eating some newly treated seed or poisoned by some pesticide, we *must find out soon to* prevent it happening again."

Farmers have reassured SSPCA officials that they have not used any new sprays on crops recently.

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Green shoots of recovery burst forth as early spring sunshine revives dormant customers

Garden centres gear up for record sales

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

GARDEN centres and machinery dealers are reporting record sales as lawns and flowerbeds are stirred into life by early warm weather.

Lawnmower manufacturers always look forward to Easter but this year buying began a month earlier than usual, according to Chris Biddle, editor of *Lawn & Garden Equipment*.

Mr Biddle said: "Dealers reported packed showrooms every weekend during March and sales have been as good or better than anyone can remember. I put it down to the warm weather in March, some easing of domestic purse strings and the fact that lots of people have probably not replaced any of their garden equipment for the last five years."

Before splashing out on plants, machinery or other items, gardeners are advised to be careful about where they buy. Those tempted by the convenience of "one-stop" shopping at garden centres in do-it-yourself stores are likely to get poor value for money, according to *Gardening Which?*, published by the Consumers' Association. "High street shops offer some of the best bargains," Rose Ward, the magazine's research manager, said.

In a survey in its latest issue, the magazine found little difference in price between the DIY stores and specialist garden centres, both independent and those belonging to chains. But it generally found poorer-quality plants and customer service in the DIY stores.

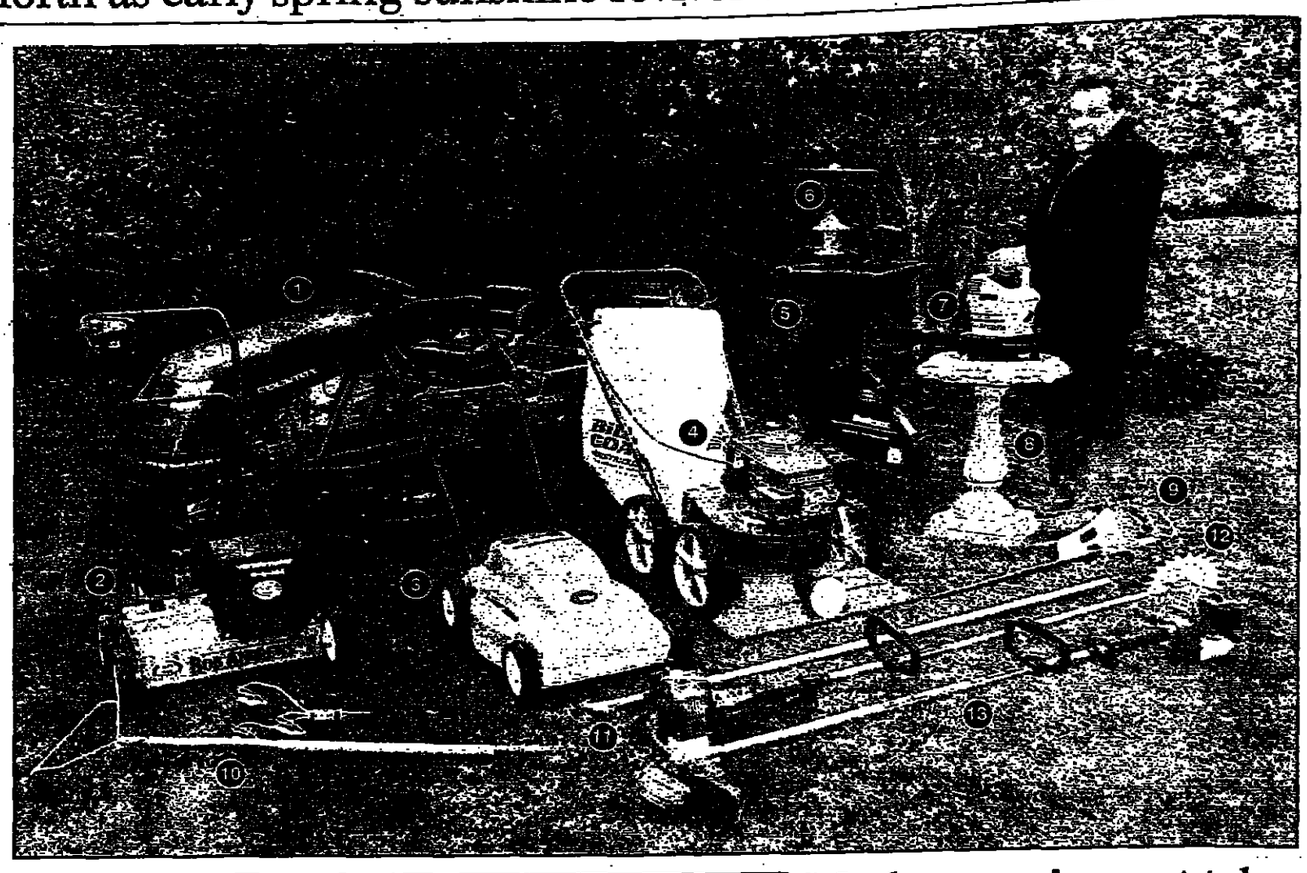
The survey of 140 outlets found the price range for a shopping basket of typical spring purchases, including compost, weedkillers and plants, was £44 to £50. Woolworths, however, was notably cheaper than the average at just over £34.

DIY stores, which account for about 10 per cent of plant sales, generally stocked a limited range, according to *Which?*, and the advice offered by sales staff was often inadequate.

Only Sainsbury's Homebase "came anywhere near the specialist garden centres in terms of both plant quality and customer service".

Of the specialist centres, Kennedys in the South and Midlands, Strikes in the North and Dobbies in Scotland were best. Among the DIY stores, B&Q and Do It All were cited as places to avoid when shopping for plants.

In an earlier survey of garden machinery, *Gardening Which?* found that DIY stores, though they are taking an increasing share of sales, compared unfavourably with specialist centres. They charged higher prices on average, had a smaller choice of brands and types of machine, did not check or assemble equipment before sale, offered no repair or after-sales service and stocked a limited range of spare parts. Most also charged for delivery.



Modern equipment takes the toil from the soil

MELVYN Lockyer, branch manager of Winchester Garden Machinery at Hilliers garden centre, Windlesham, Surrey, displays some equipment that can help to take the backache out of gardening.

He is holding a Ryobi Sweeper Vac/blower (7: £199.95) on a bird bath (8: £69.95). The Contax K18 garden tractor (1: £2,145) with brush collector (£295) and the Bob Andrews powered rake (2: £395) make light of heavy work. The Ryobi 8mm 2400 lawnmower (3: £439.50) and Billy Goat garden vacuum (4: £950) keep lawns immaculate and the Allen reciprocator (12: £499.95) and Allen edger (13: £369.95) will keep long grass and difficult edges in order.

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Wembley blooms with vibrant colour

BY FRANCESCA GREENOAK, GARDENING CORRESPONDENT

QUEUES of eager gardeners awaited the opening of the first International Spring Gardening Fair at Wembley at 9.30am yesterday and soon crowded the three large halls and the lecture and demonstration rooms.

The fair is sponsored by *The Times* and other News International titles in association with the Royal Horticultural Society. Jenny Trehane, hardly visible at the centre of the camelia exhibition which is *The Times*' contribution, said she was "inundated" with customers and enquiries.

The Sunday Times Gold Medal Tissot Conservatory magnificently reproduces the atmosphere of Tissot's painting *The Lilacs*. New plants attracting attention were Broadleigh Nursery's pink daffodils and the richly coloured chrysanthemums of Kenneth Muir, which grow into solid mounds of flower. The glamour-puss alstromerias displayed in enormous bouquets were also attracting crowds. On Pride of Place Plants, the display of shocking pink flowers turned out to be dual purpose, bedding plant strawberries. A dainty blue clematis discovered in China and now available for the first time was being admired on the Valley Clematis stand.

Among the unusual exhibits was the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies' Alice In Wonderland display, all made from flowers and plant materials. It features a decadent jabberwocky and a lollipop box tree with red and white roses, which was perplexing some of the visitors as much as it did Alice. Another exhibit drawing admiration was the French display of Bonsai camelias, with pink and creamy blooms.

At the fair, unlike at the Chelsea flower show, visitors can buy the plants, and everywhere it looked as if bushes, pot plants and trees were on the move.

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Chef fined £500 for damaging camera

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TOP society chef smashed a photographer's camera when the pressure of his marriage break-up became too much for him, a court was told yesterday.

Marco Pierre White, 31, who co-owns the fashionable Canteen restaurant in Chelsea Harbour, London, with the actor Michael Caine, became annoyed when he saw Paul Lovelace, a *Sunday Express* photographer, taking his picture, South Western Magistrates' Court was told.

He grabbed the camera and threw it to the ground, causing almost £1,000 of damage. White claimed he was under pressure when his marriage to the model Lisa Butcher broke-up six weeks after their wedding.

A back problem prevented him yesterday from attending the court in Battersea, south London, where he was found guilty of criminal damage. He was fined £500 with £100 costs and £867 compensation to Mr Lovelace.

Tim Butter, for the prosecution, said: "Paul Lovelace was outside Harvey's [restaurant] on February 10, taking shots for an advertising feature. White came out and indicated that the photographer should not be there taking pictures. He grabbed the camera and threw it to the ground."

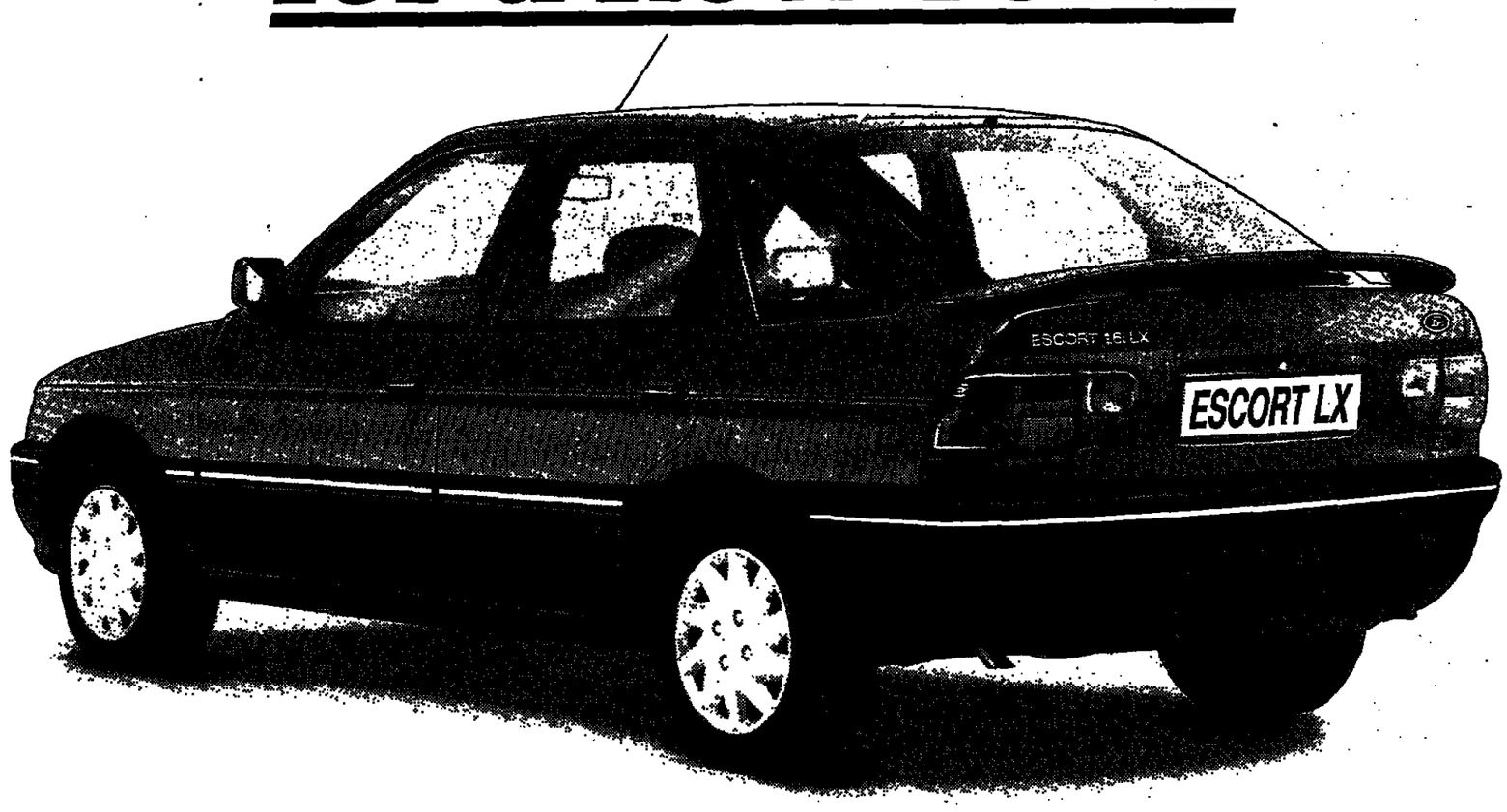
However, Simon Mayo, for White, said he had not intended to damage the camera, only to take the film out. Mr Mayo said: "The photographer was only 4ft away from the window and White regarded it as a gross invasion of his privacy and also the privacy of the guests in the restaurant.

"He accepts that in an attempt to remove the film the camera was damaged."



White: threw camera to the ground

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Spring offensive could disrupt the chase after death threat is issued to hunt master

Mink hunters fear season of violence by extremists

By Bill Frost

ANARCHISTS and animal rights extremists are planning a spring offensive against blood sports in the aftermath of a violent campaign to disrupt the foxhunting season in which a young saboteur died last weekend.

They are believed to be aiming at 21 mink hunts from Cumbria to Cornwall, and, with the season just started, have already made death threats against at least one master. Mainstream anti-bloodsports campaigners have admitted that attempts by extremists to transfrom peaceful protest into violent confrontation have increased greatly during the past 12 months.

Rose Whitcomb, master of Ytene mink hounds in Maiden Newton, Dorset, told yesterday how she had received telephone death threats from hunt saboteurs. "They rang to tell me how easy it would be to kill me by putting a firebomb through the window while I was asleep," she said.

Miss Whitcomb, 61, takes the threats seriously. "We have had all sorts of tactics used against us, from pick-axe handles to ammonia sprays. But they should know that this season I am carrying a shotgun."

Mink hunting is the youngest of British field sports and among the most loathed by saboteurs, who claim that the prey is hopelessly ill-equipped to elude the hounds. The sport was formally recognised in 1978 and quickly became popular with those who had hunted otter along riverbanks before a government ban was imposed.

Miss Whitcomb explained that hunt members, many of them elderly, followed hounds on the scent of feral mink — many of which were released from fur farms by animal rights extremists. "Last season we had a large group down from London. They had 'mohican' haircuts, black flags and pick-axe handles. Some of the younger lads saw them off, but they said they would be back," she said.

John Bryant, of the League Against Cruel Sports, fears that attempts by anarchist groups to infiltrate the ranks of those engaged in legitimate protest could bring the mainstream movement into disrepute. "The fear is that mink hunting is going to be the target for a lot of sabotage attempts. That in turn will lead to violent retaliation by hunt supporters. Animal rights extremists who use bombs or skinhead anarchists simply out for a fight must be both condemned and opposed." Caroline Yeates of the British Field Sports Society described those threatening to disrupt the mink-hunting season as "terrorists and vandals".

She said: "We can only hope that tempers can be kept in check. However, given the escalating level of violence and the increased number of these people taking part, the signs are not good for the forthcoming season."

The Hunt Saboteurs' Association, which represents more than 100 groups opposed to blood sports, has gone to considerable lengths to clear out anarchists from the ranks. Ben Ponton, of the association, said there had also been concerted attempts by left and right-wing activists to hijack the blood sports protest campaign.

The extreme right saw hunt sabotage as a means of gaining spurious credibility while the left regarded the sport as a legitimate target in the class war. "Neither side seems to care much about the animals, though," Mr Ponton said.

A former hunt saboteur, known only as Chris, yesterday described how he had joined an anarchist group in Brighton that disrupted meets in the Home Counties during the late eighties.

He said: "There was a sort of fleeting interest in the animals but by and large it was a class war thing; a lot of toffs who needed bringing down a peg or two. A couple in the group were quite militant vegetarians, though. They really got stuck in. I was 'purged' when they found me eating a scotch egg."

Arlin Rickard, a former master of the Devon and Cornwall mink hounds, said: "These big city thugs regard us as a soft target. They will learn, though. Country people are proud to be British and will fight to the end to defend tradition."



MARC HILL

Hunter on the scent: the popularity of mink hunting, the newest British field sport, has grown since otter hunting was banned



Soft target: many mink were freed from fur farms

Farmers paid to save birds

By Edward Gorman
Ireland Correspondent

IRISH farmers are being offered lucrative grants to help to save the last remaining nesting areas of the corncrake.

The Irish Wildbird Conservancy will pay farmers in northern co. Donegal up to £28.33 an acre to delay mowing meadows until the corncrake has finished breeding in mid July. Farmers will receive further payments if they cut grass from the centre of their fields outwards, to enable any nesting birds a chance to reach the hedge.

The scheme, which will also be available on a stretch of the river Shannon in central Ireland, is an attempt to reverse the decline in corncrake numbers in the past 20 years. Numbers of the male, which makes a distinctive hoarse call, have fallen from thousands to about 300.

A similar decline has been noted in Britain. The main reason is that intensive farming methods have encouraged farmers to make their first silage cut earlier.

John Coveney, of the conservancy, said that a pilot scheme in Donegal last year was taken up by 17 per cent of farmers. He was hopeful that, in the first full year of the new scheme, about half Donegal's corncrake population would be protected.

☐ The only black-browed albatross known to be in British waters has resumed its annual vigil at Herma Ness, Shetland, where it has waited in vain for a mate almost every spring since 1972. The bird is believed to have become stranded after straying north of the Equator. Its nearest nesting ground is in the Falkland Islands.

The albatross, which has a wingspan of almost 8ft, has become a tourist attraction, with bird-watchers from all over Europe travelling to see it.

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Brooke acts to save Old Master

Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary, stepped in yesterday to stop a £2 million Old Master painting from going abroad. He deferred until July a decision on whether to grant an export licence to Guido Reni's *David with the Head of Goliath*, in the hope that a buyer could be found.

The painting, completed in 1630, was acquired by a Scottish family in 1900. Eight years ago, it was sold at Sotheby's for £2.2 million and was on loan to the National Gallery from 1986-91.

When it came up for auction last July, it was estimated at up to £3 million but bidding stopped at £1.25 million.

Parking peril

The charge for a car towed away by police for illegal parking is to go up £10 to £105 from Easter Monday, the Home Office said. Charges for freeing wheel-clamped vehicles and for cars left in police custody remain unchanged.

Briton drowns

A Briton visiting his brother in Australia has drowned in the sea off Bega, southern New South Wales. Raymond Wild, 45, from Nelson, Lancashire, was on holiday with his wife and nine-year-old daughter.

Driving ban

Alan Hudson, 41, a former England football player, was banned from driving for three years and fined £760 by magistrates at Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, for driving at almost four times the alcohol limit.

Baby found

Police were trying to trace the mother of a new-born girl abandoned in a park. The baby was found by two girls in a wooded area of Boggart Hole Clough, Manchester.

Elderly patients at highest risk are not given flu jabs

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

INFLUENZA vaccinations are not being given to many elderly patients at high risk, while people who need them least are being immunised, a study suggests.

During the winter of 1991-2, only half the elderly people whose records were examined had been offered the flu jabs, Dr Karl Nicholson, of Leicester University, reports in this week's issue of the *British Medical Journal*. But of those who were offered jabs, a quarter had no risk factors for flu. Dr Nicholson concludes that better use of the vaccine is needed.

People aged over 75 are most at risk from flu epidemics. Dr Nicholson's study, carried out in Leicestershire general practices, shows that the risks do not justify a policy of universal vaccination, even for those aged over 75. Mortality from flu is very low except in those who already suffer from other diseases, and efforts should be made to identify such people, from age, sex and disease registers, and offer them the vaccination.

This could be done by diverting effort away from healthy younger people who do not need the vaccination. By concentrating on people aged over 75 with at least one underlying illness and younger people with chronic medical conditions, the vaccine could be administered to maximum effect. The gains could be considerable: in the flu outbreak in 1989-90, about 26,000 people were believed to have died.

Even among those at highest risk, many rejected the offer of vaccination. A third did not consider themselves at risk, while a sixth apparently were not given proper advice from their doctors. Of the rest, some thought the vaccine caused flu or colds, others feared side effects, doubted the effectiveness of the jab, or simply preferred "to let nature take its course".

Dr Nicholson studied the take-up of flu vaccination by sending a questionnaire to 800 elderly people, selected at random, who were living at home in Leicestershire. Of 565 who replied, only 195 had been offered the flu jab, most of them when they visited their doctor for other reasons. Only six offers of vaccination were made on the telephone or by post.

Among the 565 respondents, 266 had medical conditions that meant they should have been vaccinated, but only 113 were. The take-up among those offered the jab was good (78 per cent) and the vaccination had few side-effects.

☐ Stress management, widely recommended for reducing blood pressure, has no effect, a team from St George's Hospital medical school, London, reports in the *journal*. A programme of daily relaxation and meditation had no effect on blood pressure; nor did programmes of mild stretching exercises. The finding contradicts earlier work which did show stress management to be effective.

The most likely explanation is that in the St George's study the patients were taught to take their own blood pressure, and did so for three months before the programme started. That was designed to make them familiar with the procedure and relaxed about it.

Those who are unfamiliar often initially show higher blood pressure, presumably the result of anxiety. The team suggests that earlier studies showing an effect had confused the fall in blood pressure resulting from familiarity with that supposedly produced by stress management.

Crops thrive on Braer soil

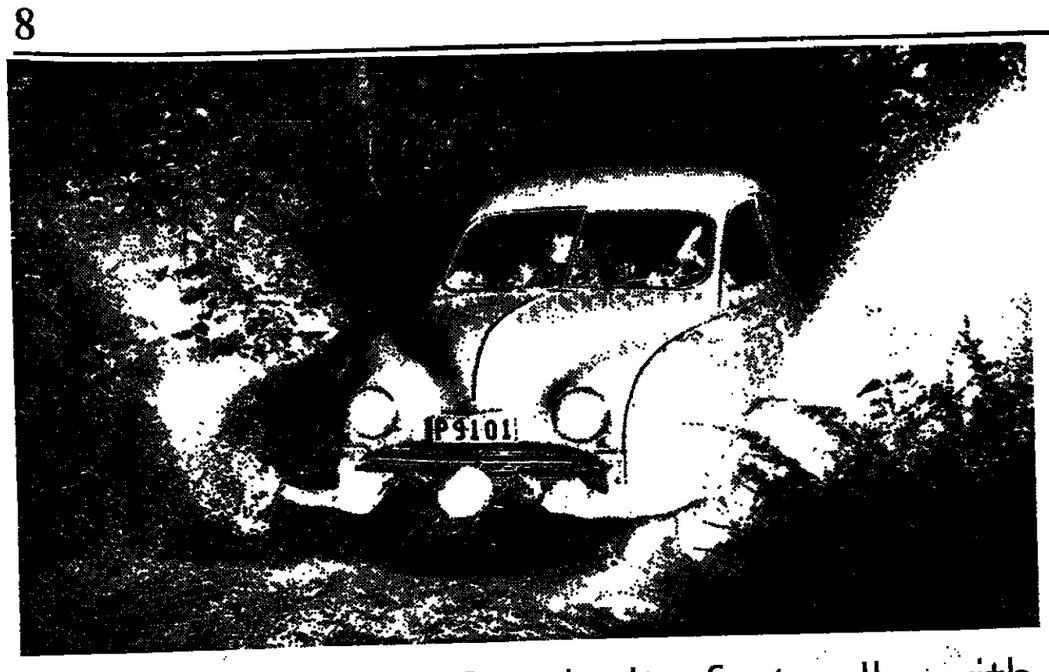
By Our Science Editor

SOIL contaminated by the *Braer* oil spill in the Shetlands is capable of growing healthy crops, research at the Scottish Agricultural College shows.

Grass, spring barley, swedes, cabbage, potatoes and carrots have grown normally on samples of the soil taken from the islands to the college in Aberdeen. The spring barley, in fact, appeared to grow better on the contaminated soil than it did on local Aberdeen soil, though the difference was not statistically significant. Dr Alex Sinclair, who carried out the research, said it was too early to determine whether the crops would contain oil residues. The work so far had covered plant establishment and growth; the crops had yet to be harvested.

The experiments were done using one and a half tonnes of soil contaminated with aromatic hydrocarbons from the oil mist that swept over the islands after the *Braer* was grounded. Analysis showed a factor of 100 between the most and the least contaminated samples. The variations had no effect on the emergence or growth of plants in glasshouse trials.

"These are encouraging results," Dr Sinclair said. "There were no adverse effects, even in the soils that were initially graded as the most seriously contaminated." The first analysis for any residues in the grass grown should be carried out in the next few weeks.



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A British soldier's lens captures three faces of war in Bosnia



The great exodus: Muslim refugees caught in the Yugoslav ethnic conflict trudging to relative safety in the Turbe region of Bosnia, taking care not to step out of line, as the sides of the icy road were mined. Amid the rubble of war a British soldier, below left, finds time and a quiet place for storytelling and, right, an elderly lady expresses her thanks to Lance Corporal Karen Manzies, part of the United Nations forces protecting relief supplies to towns besieged by Serbs





These pictures were taken by army photographer ***Staff Sergeant Pete Bristo*** *before a sniper's bullet fractured his skull near Turbe last Monday*



STAFF Sergeant Pete Bristo was taking pictures of refugees in Bosnia-Herzegovina when he came under fire. He was sheltering near a Warrior armoured vehicle when a single sniper's shot found its target. The bullet hit his helmet, went into it and shot out of the top, without entering his skull. While being treated by a Dutch United Nations medical team for a fractured skull the injured photographer joked with reporters, saying the helmet had saved him from instant death and that he was only concerned about his cameras. The drama was filmed by an Independent Television News crew and shown to millions on their news bulletins.

Staff Sergeant Bristo, 29, of the Royal Logistics Corps, who is now recovering in Woolwich Military Hospital, southeast London, was sent to cover the British UN operation codenamed Operation Grapple, from his job with the British army in Germany's weekly newspaper, *Sixth Sense*. He comes from Alston, Cumbria, and is married to Jeannie who lives in Gütersloh, Germany. In the five months in which he has been covering the conflict in Bosnia he has taken more than 10,000 photographs for army public information, many of them under difficult and dangerous conditions. An exhibition of many of his pictures of the war, which were taken at the height of the "ethnic cleansing" in the former Yugoslavia, is now on display at the National Army Museum in London and will run until early September.

World court orders Serbia to stop acts of genocide

FROM ANDREW KELLY IN THE HAGUE

THE International Court of Justice yesterday ordered Serbia to prevent acts of genocide in the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Bosnia immediately claimed victory from the unanimous judgment. It had asked the United Nations court for a ruling against Serbia and its ally Montenegro to halt genocide and other war crimes.

"It is an overwhelming victory for Bosnia-Herzegovina," said Francis Boyle, *Bosnia's* chief legal counsel. "Fifty years ago when the Jewish people were *threatened* with extermination, the world looked the other way and let it happen. We are today asking the world not to look the other way."

In two days of highly-charged hearings last week, Bosnia accused Serbia of committing the worst atrocities since the Nazi Holocaust and of deliberately targeting Muslim civilians during the year-long war in Bosnia. *It asked* the court to order Serbia to halt killings, rapes and forced removals of *Muslim* people from their homes as part of its policy of "ethnic cleansing". Serbia *denied* any links with the Bosnian Serb forces on the ground and rejected the charge of genocide as groundless.

The court's judgment went further than many international law experts had expected. They had anticipated a neutrally-worded ruling that *would avoid attributing* blame.

"The government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia [Serbia and Montenegro] should immediately, in the pursuance of its undertaking in the [1948 Genocide] Convention, take all measures within its power to prevent commission of the crime of genocide," the 14-judge court said.

Nikolaj Tarassov, the Russian judge, dissented when the court ruled by 13 votes to one that Serbia must ensure that any army units linked to it do not commit genocide. Serbia must "ensure that any military, paramilitary or irregular armed units which may be directed or supported by it ... do not commit any acts of genocide ... whether directed against the Muslim population of Bosnia and Herzegovina or against any other national, ethnical, racial or religious group," it said.

The court made no mention of Bosnia's request for backing to obtain military assistance from other countries. Sarajevo had asked the court to declare that it had a right to receive military aid.

Serbia argued, however, that the UN arms embargo *against Yugoslavia* applied to the entire territory of former Yugoslavia, and the UN Security Council had reaffirmed it since Bosnia's independence. "I think the other side will be *unhappy that the lifting of the* arms embargo was not ruled by the court," said Ljubinko Zivkovic, the chargé d'affaires for the rump Yugoslavia in The Hague.

The International Court of Justice was set up in 1945 as the UN's main judicial body to settle disputes between states in accordance with international law. It acts as a world court and its rulings are ultimately enforceable by the security council.

Yesterday's ruling was delivered under emergency proceedings invoked by Bosnia. A final verdict on all aspects of the case could take months or even years.

☐ **Zagreb:** Two Nigerian soldiers were shot dead and a third was wounded by Serb gunmen demanding money at a UN peacekeeper's checkpoint in a Serb-held area of Croatia, their commander said yesterday.

Brigadier General Bjarne Hesselberg said the shooting at Bojna, at about midnight on Wednesday, was "a criminal act, it had nothing to do with the war".

Serb forces claimed that the shooting had been carried out by Muslims attacking from territory in neighbouring Bosnia. *(Reuter)*

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Sell-offs suspended in Siberia

FROM REUTER IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S privatisation programme received a setback yesterday when the local parliament in Novosibirsk accused outsiders of buying up local industry in the estern Siberian industrial region.

"The Novosibirsk region suspended privatisation auctions until July 1," Tass reported. "Deputies favour substantial changes in the privatisation process," it added. "These sentiments were caused by mass dumping of privatisation vouchers from other regions and by foreigners buying up the shares of local factories."

Local parliaments, often criticised by reformers as conservative bastions, have been pressing for adjustments to privatisation. President Yeltsin sees the vouchers, with a face value of 10,000 roubles (£12), as consolidating moves to introduce a market economy. The government hopes to privatise 5,000 large and medium-size companies this year.

Vouchers, distributed to Russia's 150 million people late last year, are the main way for ordinary citizens to acquire shares in former state enterprises. Some shares are also allocated to management and employees. The decision by the Novosibirsk parliament follows a similar move by the local council in the central Urals region of Chelyabinsk.

Transcaucasus conflicts

Ceasefire agreed in enclave

FROM BRIAN KILLEN IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA helped to negotiate a ceasefire yesterday in the conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh, the predominantly Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan, Tass reported.

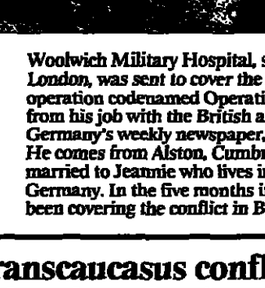
The ceasefire, agreed between representatives of Armenia and Azerbaijan in the Russian Black Sea resort of Sochi, is due to begin at noon today, local time. General Pavel Grachev, the Russian defence minister, acted as mediator.

The ceasefire, to be followed by talks between the prime ministers of Azerbaijan and Armenia next Tuesday, was agreed on the fringes of talks between Russia and Georgia on another Transcaucasian trouble spot – Georgia's western region of Abkhazia.

Senior Azerbaijani and Armenian officials arrived in Sochi after the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict had again spread beyond the borders of the mountainous enclave and risked leading to an all-out war between the two former Soviet republics. At least 2,500 people have been killed in five years of fighting in and around the enclave.

Earlier this month, Armenian forces seized a large swath of Azerbaijani territory separating the enclave from Armenia, killing many and forcing thousands of Azerbaijanis to flee. Armenia says the offensive was launched by Karabakh's Armenian forces to prevent Azerbaijani troops from cutting supply routes between Armenia proper and the enclave.

Tass said Armenia was represented at the Sochi talks by Vazgen Sarkisyan, the minister of state for defence and security, while Panakh Guseinov, a state secretary, and Abbas Abbasov, a deputy prime minister, attended from the Azerbaijani side.



Several previous ceasefire accords have failed. Armenia says it cannot negotiate on behalf of Nagorno-Karabakh's ethnic Armenian forces, but it does have considerable influence over them. An Armenian presidential spokesman speaking in the capital, Yerevan, said yesterday that Armenia favoured a ceasefire, but local authorities in Karabakh had to decide on the matter. Armenia denies that its own regular troops are taking part in fighting in and around the enclave.

On Tuesday, the United Nations Security Council in New York expressed concern at what it called the invasion of Azerbaijan's Kelbadzhar region by local Armenian forces and called for their withdrawal. Tass said President Yeltsin had authorised General Grachev to act as a mediator in the talks, which it said took place at Azerbaijan's request.

The agency said that, in the talks on Georgia's conflict with Abkhazian separatists, there had been no agreement so far between Russian and Georgian officials. Georgian proposals for settling the conflict were "unacceptable to Russia for the time being", it quoted General Grachev as saying. Tass quoted Abkhazian separatists as saying a ceasefire called by Russia and Georgia for the duration of the talks was not being respected by the Georgian side. Georgia has accused Russian troops of backing the separatists in their battle with Georgian government forces, but Moscow denies this and says its forces have been defending themselves from repeated attacks.

Tengiz Sigua, the Georgian prime minister, called on Russia to withdraw three paratroop units from Abkhazia in the next two or three months and pull out all forces from Georgia by 1995. *(Reuter)*

Scientists give Tomsk the all-clear

FROM MICHAEL BINYON IN MOSCOW

RUSSIAN scientists who flew to Tomsk to investigate the accident at a nuclear reprocessing plant said yesterday that the radiation levels in the city were normal and the situation was under control.

Further tests will be carried out around the Tomsk-7 chemical plant, and ecologists and doctors will survey the area and test the local population. Despite alarm at home and abroad, Russia appears to have had a lucky escape, with little lasting damage and no measurable increase in radiation in central Siberia. However, the accident has revived memories of Chernobyl and reminded the world of the lax safety standards of Russia's ageing nuclear power plants *and waste reprocessing* installations.

America has offered help to clean up the accident and to raise safety levels at the three reprocessing plants in Tomsk and Krasnoyarsk in Siberia and Chelyabinsk in the Urals. Sixteen Russian scientists are now in America to learn how to clean up old nuclear weapons facilities, especially leaking waste tanks. "We are taking this accident very seriously and we are standing by to help in any way we can," said Hazel O'Leary, US energy secretary. "This incident has caused us to be more vigilant at our own facilities."

Rome opens coalition door to the former Communists

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE Christian Democrat party yesterday reopened the door to participation by the Democratic Party of the Left (PDS) in a new government, as the corruption scandal led to the arrest of another senior Italian diplomat.

Police in Rome arrested Claudio Moreno, the Italian ambassador to Argentina, on suspicion of involvement in taking bribes in return for lucrative development aid contracts during the administration of Gianni De Michelis, the former Socialist foreign minister.

Police earlier issued a formal judicial warning to Signor Moreno notifying him he was under investigation for possible extortion charges. Signor Moreno's home in Rome was searched and documents found there confiscated.

The investigating judges have been working as hard as ever as the rest of the country prepares to celebrate Easter, but parliament has been in recess for all of this week to give MPs a much-needed rest. Behind the scenes wrangling between party leaders continued, however, as the political establishment sought to prepare the ground for a new, broader-based government to replace Giuliano Amato's Socialist administration, once the referendum on electoral reform is held on April 18.

Mino Martinazzoli, the Christian Democrat party leader, had a surprise meeting with Achille Occhetto, leader of the former Communists, to find ways of forming a future coalition. Signor Occhetto envisages an "institutional government" to take the country through electoral reform aimed at scrapping proportional representation before a general election in the autumn.

Signor Occhetto said the meeting was "positive" and had cleared up misunderstandings between the leaders of the two biggest political parties. He said the meeting had helped to make Signor Martinazzoli understand "the authentic inspiration and effective meaning of our proposal for an institutional government".

Signor Martinazzoli previously had rejected the idea of a coalition that included the PDS because the former Communists had insisted that it could not be led by a Christian Democrat. Signor Martinazzoli had objected to renouncing what he saw as his party's dominance of Italy since the second world war.

He had felt that giving the former Communists the prime minister's post would amount to admitting allegations of links between senior politicians and the Mafia as the party was trying to defend Giulio Andreotti, the former Christian Democrat prime minister, who is under investigation for alleged collusion with the Sicilian underworld.

The Christian Democrats distanced themselves from Signor Andreotti on Tuesday when they approved a report by the parliamentary anti-Mafia committee condemning the links between Cosa Nostra and Salvatore Lima, the right-hand man of Signor Andreotti in Sicily who was assassinated a year ago.

☐ **Criminal record:** Domenico Modugno, who wrote and sang the 1958 hit "Volare," said on yesterday he is writing a song about Italy's corruption scandal to be called "We've had enough of thieves".

Brandishing a big hammer at a news conference, Signor Modugno denied he was involved in the scandal and said he would like to hit his accuser on the head. *(Reuter)*

Balladur orders tightening of belts

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

CALLING for a spirit of national sacrifice, Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, yesterday outlined a plan for reviving the economy through privatisations, budget cuts and some tax rises.

In his first policy speech to parliament, the Gaullist prime minister pledged continuing commitment to European integration and the monetary system and an effort to promote closer relations with both Germany and Britain. "Europe's future depends on the strength of the Franco-German partnership," he said.

M Balladur's speech, which also promised tougher enforcement of immigration laws and a campaign against crime, focused on the government's plan for pulling France out of its incipient recession and halting the rise in unemployment which, at 10.5 per cent, was the issue that most damaged the fortunes of the Socialist government.

The government "will be obliged to ask for sacrifices for everyone to ensure this recovery," M Balladur said. About 20 billion francs (£2.5 billion) would immediately be cut from the state budget. "Of course I will make sure that those who are least well-off, the neediest, will be spared this indispensable effort. The government is calling on you for a great effort for recovery, unity and tolerance. Let us not be afraid of the risk. Together we will build the new French model."

France could expect rapid results in the areas of law enforcement, education, the legal system, interest rates and unemployment, he said. With a presidential election no more than two years away, M Balladur has little time to prove that his team can do better than the Socialists and pave the way for the presidential campaign of Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader. M Balladur, who is enjoying a popularity rating higher than any for a new prime minister since 1981, paid tribute both to M Chirac and to the late president, Georges Pompidou, his mentor.

The large-scale privatisation of state-owned financial and other institutions would both raise money and encourage investment, the prime minister said. Savings would be used to stimulate housing projects and public works, and to give payroll tax breaks for recruiting workers and training programmes.

M Balladur said he would increase indirect taxes to help plug a yawning deficit in France's social security system. The new money would help take on some of the social security burden now being carried by companies. That, he said, should ease companies' costs when taking on new labour and might even lead to salary increases for those in work. He also pledged to bring the budget deficit, which will this year exceed 330 billion francs or 4 per cent of GDP, below 2.5 per cent of GDP by 1997, in line with a five-year plan.

The prime minister announced the creation of a commission of French and foreign experts to study ways of reducing unemployment, which he called the "absolute priority".

☐ **Murder charge:** Pascal Compain, a Paris policeman, was charged with murder after Nakome M'Bowole, 17, a Zairean, was shot dead in a police station. The killing, in the poor Goutte d'Or district, was one of three police shootings of unarmed youths this week which have embarrassed the new government.

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Fighting back: a woman at the head of a demonstration near Paris yesterday displaying the front page of *France-Soir* reporting the death in police custody of a Zaire-born teenager. A policeman was charged with the murder as M Balladur announced tighter immigration controls

La Scala opera chief prevails in final act

BY JOHN PHILLIPS

CARLO Fontana, the head of la Scala in Milan, appeared set to be reinstated yesterday, after the Italian minister of tourism, Margherita Boniver, rebuffed an attempt by a trade union to have him dismissed.

On Wednesday Signor Fontana had seemed likely to leave the opera house after a court action by officials of an entertainment workers' union, who suggested that his appointment had been purely political. All recent superintendents of la Scala have been approved by the Socialist party, which ran most of Milan until the current corruption scandal and the rise of the devolutionist Lombardy League loosened the party's grip on the city.



Fontana: considered excellent at his job

However, Signor Fontana is widely regarded as excellent at his job and Claudio Abbado, the former musical director of la Scala, led staff in a campaign to prevent his dismissal. A government-appointed "commissar" running Milan pending the election of a new council, Claudio Gelati, on Wednesday reappointed Signor Fontana to direct la Scala. Signora Boniver has indicated that she will approve this.

Signora Boniver let it be known she regarded a court decision to freeze Signor Fontana's appointment as based solely on a bureaucratic technicality. The court had ruled that his contract ran out last July. Signora Boniver had said she could do nothing to retain Signor Fontana as head of the opera, but she apparently bowed to the outcry led by Abbado.

"Now Fontana retakes la Scala," the *Corriere della Sera* said yesterday. Signor Fontana took over at la Scala in October 1990 after directing the Teatro Communale opera at Bologna.

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Japan questions UN role after Cambodia murders

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PHNOM PENH AND JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

A JAPANESE United Nations volunteer and his Cambodian interpreter were murdered yesterday by gunmen believed to belong to the Khmer Rouge, in what appeared to be a calculated slap in the face for Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, who was in Cambodia at the time.

The last radioed words of 25-year-old Nakata Atsuhito, as he travelled to the town of Kompong Thom, 100 miles north of the capital, early yesterday were: "I have been stopped by armed soldiers — please help." He was then shot though the head and chest, dying almost instantly, said Eric Falt, the UN spokesman. Mr Atsuhito's Cambodian interpreter was also shot, and died later in a field hospital.

The attack came as a group of 88 Japanese troops arrived in Phnom Penh, the vanguard of Japan's second contingent to join the forces of the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac). As the first Japanese national to die in UN-related service, the news triggered a wave of alarm in Japan, raising questions about the wisdom of allowing Japanese forces to continue their UN peacekeeping duties in a country which few will still deny has lost its fragile state of peace.

Yasushi Akashi, the head of Untac, said that the "probable suspects are the DK (Khmer Rouge)". Khieu Samphan, the nominal Khmer Rouge leader, was at the airport to say goodbye to Dr Boutros Ghali, and beamed as he shook hands with the UN chief before the latter boarded his plane.

During his visit, according to Mr Akashi, Dr Boutros Ghali raised the killing of three Bulgarian UN peacekeepers last week by the Khmer Rouge in a meeting with Khieu Samphan. "I have not heard that Mr Khieu Samphan made any expression of remorse," Mr Akashi said.

"The secretary-general did his best to convince Mr Khieu Samphan to co-operate with the UN, but Mr Khieu Samphan persisted in reciting assertions about the Vietnamese army still being in Cambodia." A total of seven UN workers — three Bulgarians, two Bangladeshis and yesterday's two victims — have been killed in the past ten days, all but one believed to be by the Khmer Rouge.



Boutros Ghali: pep talk to Untac personnel

With domestic opposition to Japanese participation still vigorous, yesterday's murders and the evidence of escalating violence aimed at UN personnel have placed the government in a dilemma. If the ceasefire were to be officially defined as broken, Japan would be legally obliged to withdraw its 600-member engineering corps.

Kiichi Miyazawa, the Japanese prime minister, has declared his country's participation in UN peacekeeping activities to be one of his top priorities, and considers it a prerequisite if Japan hopes to realise its ambitions to be a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Yohei Kono, the chief cabinet secretary, strongly condemned the killing yesterday but stated there would be no changes in Japan's plans to continued participation in the Untac operation. Japan still regards such incidents as isolated events, he said.

Japan's opposition Socialist party, which toiled unsuccessfully for two years to prevent the passage of the bill allowing the dispatch of troops, will today launch a new campaign aimed at recalling troops stationed in Cambodia. "The current state of Cambodia does not meet the conditions defined in the Paris peace agreement which calls for a complete ceasefire and a neutral political environment for free and fair elections. The troops should be pulled out immediately," said Hirotaka Akamatsu, the chief cabinet secretary of the Socialist party.

Some high-level Untac personnel privately agree that their aim to establish a neutral political environment before the elections is unrealistic, particularly since the Khmer Rouge officially announced that it would boycott the election and claimed attacks would continue until the UN meets its demands to rid the country of the Vietnamese soldiers it claims remained behind after Hanoi ended its 11-year occupation of Cambodia in 1989.

The election campaign began on Wednesday but in the past 48 hours the mood in Phnom Penh has changed drastically, with Untac heavily reinforcing security at its headquarters here.

Dr Boutros Ghali attempted to rally UN personnel yesterday when he told them: "The peace process is at a critical juncture and some of our colleagues have paid dearly with their lives. But Untac will continue to do the job it was sent here to do. The elections will take place."



Act of devotion: a young ultra-Orthodox Jew, surrounded by worshippers wearing prayer shawls, covering his face with a hat during the blessing of the high priests at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem yesterday

Peking calls on Triads to help Hong Kong

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

IN A move expected to spark alarm in Hong Kong, China's police chief has declared qualified support for the colony's criminal gangs, or Triads, and has invited them to work together with the Communist authorities.

Tao Siju, the chief of police, said yesterday: "Obviously we vehemently oppose any crime committed by these organisations ... nevertheless we must see that some members have renounced their past wrongdoings. Never mind whether they are members of Triads or other secret societies, as long as these people are patriotic and are concerned about the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong."

It is more usual to hear Chinese officials condemning crime syndicates and secret societies. There is widespread speculation, however, that Peking wants the powerful Triads on their side when Hong Kong comes under Chinese rule in 1997.

Mr Tao said he had first-hand experience of the honourable intentions of the Triads. "When one of our state leaders made an official visit to a Western country, the Triads sent 800 members to protect him, I know because I was in charge of security," he said.

Conservative estimates put membership of the Triads in Hong Kong at more than 100,000. In 1992, there were 4,015 Triad-related crimes committed in the colony, mostly involving the establishment of secret societies, wounding, serious assaults, blackmail and intimidation.

Peking also announced yesterday that it plans to increase the flow of people from the mainland to Hong Kong to prevent a sudden influx in 1997. The measure was intended to avoid the creation of "another Berlin Wall", a minister said.

Mubarak plans summit with Rabin to rescue peace talks

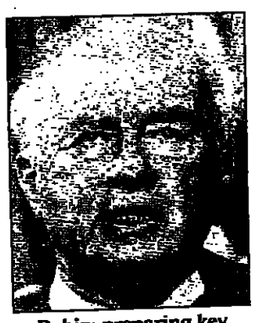
FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO AND RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

A SUMMIT between President Mubarak of Egypt and Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, is planned as part of a diplomatic effort to rescue this month's round of Middle East peace talks from a Palestinian boycott.

The manoeuvring reflects fears in moderate Arab states that if President Clinton's attempts to revive the deadlocked talks in Washington fail, there could be escalating violence in the region. The diplomatic drive, spearheaded by Egypt, is geared towards persuading Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation to allow the talks to resume as planned. The sticking-point remains the future of the 396 Palestinian deportees stranded in south Lebanon since December. The PLO is being offered various promises about autonomy in the Israeli-occupied territories if it agrees to allow Palestinian negotiators to return to the table while the deportees remain in their tents.

A US official yesterday expressed confidence that the talks would resume on time. Edward Djerejian, assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, said a "package of statements, gestures and actions from all sides has been elaborated which will come into play as soon as the Palestinians take a positive position on attending the talks." The package is understood to include an Israeli pledge not to deport Palestinians in the future, and to improve its human rights record in the territories. Mr Mubarak told the Cairo daily *Al Ahram* that he would meet with Mr Rabin in "the coming days" in Egypt. He is due to meet Yassir Arafat, the chairman of the PLO, in Cairo on Sunday or Monday to try to prevent him from sanctioning a boycott of the talks.

Mr Rabin may be prepared for a key change in Israel's negotiating policy. According to Israeli and Palestinian sources, the left-wing government is considering a US proposal to accept Faisal Husseini, the most prominent figure in Arab east Jerusalem and most senior pro-PLO figure in the territories, as the new head of the Palestinian negotiating team. According to the proposal, raised in Washington by Mr Mubarak this week, the Palestinians would have to agree to resume dialogue with Israel before the concession was offered. Mr Mubarak is expected to raise the idea when he meets Mr Rabin. Israel has hitherto refused to accept Palestinian negotiators from east Jerusalem, which it captured in 1967 and now insists is part of its "eternal and undivided capital".



Rabin: preparing key negotiating change

☐ **New York:** Britain, France and America warned Libya at the UN Security Council yesterday that it could face more sanctions if it continues to refuse to surrender two agents wanted for the 1988 Lockerbie bombing, diplomats said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Father of First Lady dies at 82

Washington: Hillary Clinton's father, Hugh Rodham, has died in the Little Rock, Arkansas, hospital where he was taken after suffering a stroke on March 19 (Ian Brodie writes). He was 82.

President and Mrs Clinton and their daughter Chelsea, 13, flew to Little Rock yesterday to be with other family members. Mr Rodham, the son of an immigrant from Northumberland, was a lifelong Republican, but delighted in the success of his Democrat son-in-law.

Terror warning

Washington: Warren Christopher, the US secretary of state, told Chaudhri Nisar Ali, a senior Pakistani political adviser, that he was concerned about reports that Pakistan continued to aid secessionism in India, including Kashmir. The Clinton administration moved closer to putting Pakistan on its list of countries supporting terrorism.

Missile mission

Washington: Iran is trying to buy medium-range missiles from North Korea, according to intelligence reports here. An Iranian military delegation is in Pyongyang, the North Korean capital.

Cuba accused

Miami: American government lawyers here have drafted drug trafficking charges against the Cuban government. They allege that Raúl Castro, the armed forces minister, led a conspiracy to send cocaine through Cuba.

Record clipped

Boston: Two American sailors broke a 140-year-old clipper record for sailing around Cape Horn from San Francisco to Boston by six days. The 15,000-mile trimaran voyage took 69 days, 19 hours and 48 minutes. *(Reuter)*

South Africa expects resort attack

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

A BITTER Easter was forecast yesterday by South African security forces, who said that they had information suggesting a series of strikes against white holidaymakers were being planned by the Azanian People's Liberation Army, the armed wing of the Pan Africanist Congress, the militant radicals of the liberation movement.

A senior military source told the South African Press Association that the planned strikes included an attack on a holiday resort in the quasi-independent black homeland of Ciskei, on the coaches of a luxury bus company and on a military or police target in the eastern Cape port of East London.

The source said that the liberation army, Apla, had begun moving units from Transkei, a Xhosa homeland, which has been described as the "springboard" for earlier Apla attacks in white South Africa. This was done in anticipation of the moves made at the weekend by the South African Defence Force to blockade all roads leading out of Transkei. At least one consignment of arms had been shifted into Ciskei, the source added.

He said that there were also plans to intensify attacks in the country's main metropolitan region around Pretoria, Witwatersrand and Vereeniging, where much additional manpower has been deployed under a government ten-point plan to enhance the campaign against violence. The guerrilla groups also intended to mock the defence force deployment around Transkei and to attack in the Jamestown and Adelaide areas of the eastern Cape.

Lieutenant Colonel Johan Englebrecht of the Eastern Province command confirmed that the army was aware of a possible Apla campaign, but insisted that the security forces were well prepared.

Jackson shuns civil rights race

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE Rev Jesse Jackson has withdrawn his candidacy for leadership of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People (NAACP), accusing the civil rights group of insufficient involvement in the racial problems of cities such as Los Angeles, which was yesterday braced for possible riots as the end of the second Rodney King trial approaches.

The Los Angeles federal trial, in which four white police officers are accused of depriving the black motorist of his civil rights, has lent special significance to the election of a new leader for the NAACP, America's largest and oldest civil rights organisation. Mr Jackson's decision to pull out of the contest came amid bitter wrangling and doubts over whether the former presidential candidate was the right man for the job at a time when the American civil rights movement is in a state of deep uncertainty.

Just two days before a vote on whether to make him the next executive director, Mr Jackson wrote a letter to the NAACP chairman saying that last-minute political manoeuvring to dilute the power of the post had forced him to withdraw from the race. Insiders, however, say that Mr Jackson was far from certain to win the contest against three other finalists, and may have pulled out to avoid a humiliating defeat.

In the letter Mr Jackson, 51, played down his efforts to win the prestigious post, but over recent months he has campaigned long and hard to win it. Mr Jackson said the group should play a more aggressive role in calming racial divisions, and pointed to the tensions surrounding the Rodney King trial as an example of how the group was failing in its duties. "The association should be in the middle of that scene, offering leadership and direction," he said.

As the federal trial of the four policemen in the King case draws to a close, the city of Los Angeles is in a state of nervous expectation. The officers were acquitted of most charges in the first state trial, leading to the worst urban riots in America this century, and most residents of Los Angeles fear that another such verdict could spark renewed violence. The jury is expected to begin deliberations today. Extra police are already on the streets, some armed with rubber bullets and teargas.

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The enemy is no longer the red threat but insidious forces in our own society, says **Irving Kristol**

Why I am still fighting my cold war

With the end of the Cold War and the disintegration of the Soviet Union, the old anti-communist intellectuals might seem to be redundant. But the Cold Warriors have not retired from battle yet. A new spectre is haunting them, and it is liberal ideology in its contemporary and most extreme manifestation: political correctness.

Irving Kristol, who sets out below his personal political odyssey from youthful Trotskyism through social democracy to conservatism, was one of the first to identify the threat to American society presented by liberalism, a philosophy that he believes to be blind to human and political reality.

This past fall, in what used to be East Berlin, I attended a commemorative conference on The Cold War and After. It was sponsored by the late, lamented *Encounter* magazine, which had been founded in London in 1953 by Stephen Spender and myself, and which ceased publication last year. Though I left the magazine at the end of 1958, to return to New York, I have always felt a special sense of solidarity with it.

Encounter was accused of being a Cold War magazine, which in a sense was true enough. It was published by the Congress for Cultural Freedom, which was later revealed to be financed by the CIA. As a cultural-political journal, it published many fine literary essays, literary criticism, art criticism, short stories, and poetry, and in sheer bulk they probably preponderated. But there is no doubt its ideological core — its mission, as it were — was to counteract, insofar as it was possible, the anti-American, pro-Soviet views of a large segment of the intellectual élites in the Western democracies and in the English-speaking Commonwealth.

Just how large this segment was, and how influential, is now easily (and conveniently) forgotten. In France, it was practically impossible to work in the film industry unless you were a member of the Communist party or a reliable fellow-traveller. In Italy, it was not very different. In Germany, the dominant posture of intellectuals was neutralist — ie, asserting a moral equivalence between the United States and the USSR. Even in Britain and the United States, majority opinion in the intellectual élite was, when not fellow-travelling or neutralist, insistent on distancing itself from America's Cold War policies as overly militaristic.

Such an intellectual *Weltanschauung* derived from the fact that most intellectuals, everywhere, were generally on the left of the political spectrum. It was therefore easier to give the benefit of all doubts to the Soviet Union or, say, Cuba which were nominally socialist and ideologically egalitarian than to a vigorously capitalist United States. Only among the so-called right-wing social democrats did one find a consistent anti-communist attitude — which was never, however, a simple pro-American one, for obvious reasons.

Under these circumstances, it is understandable that the political colouration of *Encounter* was, on the whole, right-wing social democratic — something which annoyed those of my American friends who felt that an unqualified pro-American position was incumbent on us. Though by this time I had become sceptical of social democrats or liberals in the American sense — they came to the same thing — I appreciated the clear strategic desirability (perhaps even necessity) for such an orientation. But I was less than enthusiastic about it and took some satisfaction in publishing a few articles by some of the younger, more gifted British Tories.

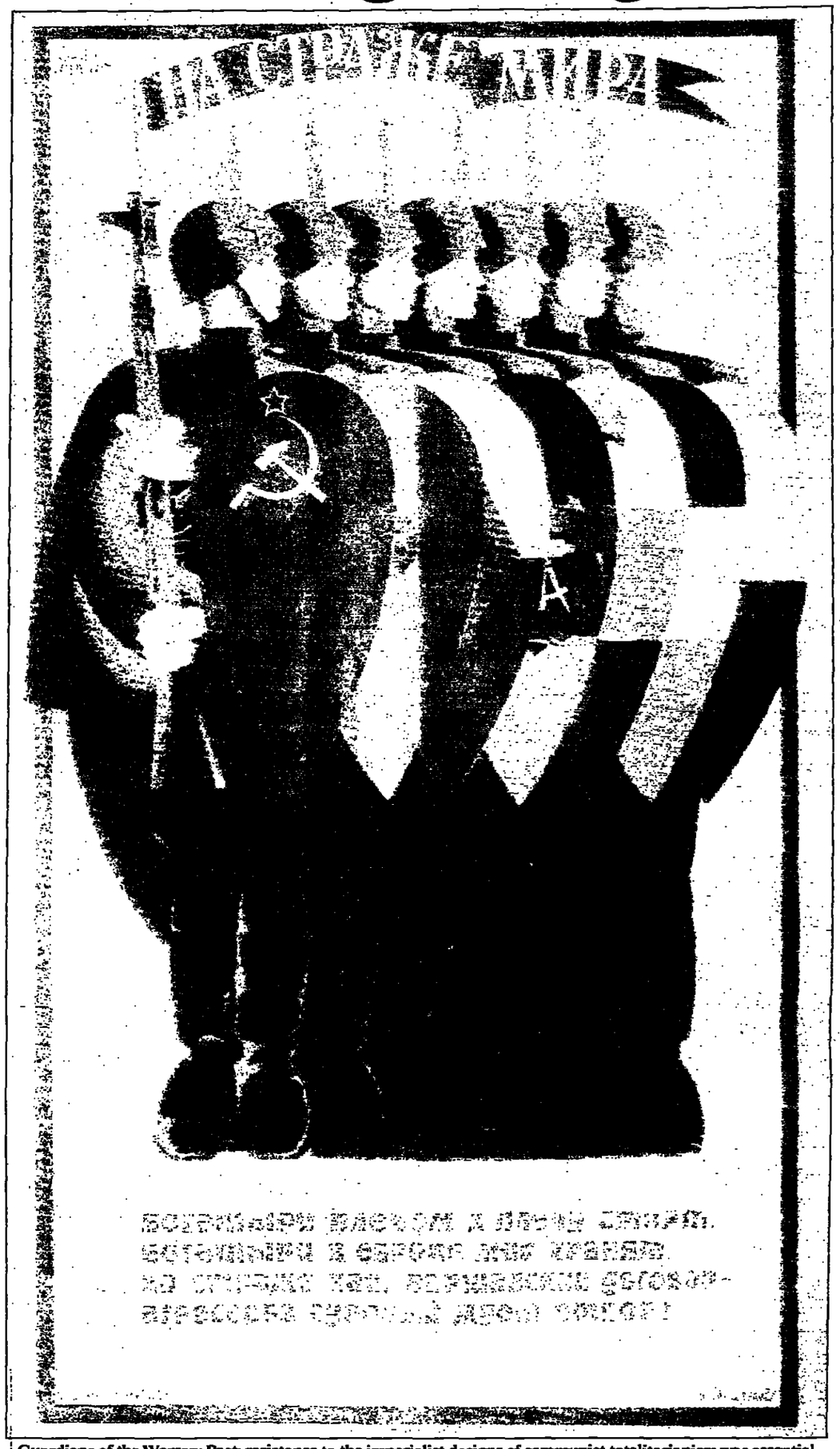
The truth is that, by the time I came to *Encounter*, anti-communism had pretty much ceased to interest me as an intellectual project. As a young Trotskyist in my college days, I had studied Marx and Lenin and Trotsky to the point of disillusionment. It was a useful inoculation that rendered me, not only immune, but positively indifferent to the ideological chatter around me. For almost half-a-century now,

The army destroyed my belief in socialism and the common man

I have found it close to impossible even to read any apologia for a communist regime, and political analysis written from a pro-communist point of view, or any socio-economic analysis written from a Marxist or quasi-Marxist point of view. Only rarely did I feel moved to refute such writings. I was happy, for the most part, to leave that to others — scholars, journalists, publicists — being content to associate myself with their efforts to do God's work. I heartily approved of their Cold War but it was not my cold war.

My disillusionment with the Trotskyist version of radical socialism proceeded along its own path. I have never felt myself to be an ex-Trotskyist in the sense that some people conceive of themselves as ex-communists. The experience was never that important to me, and my rightward drift commenced promptly upon its termination. I then defined myself as a democratic socialist, though this was a movement so intellectually placid and politically inert that I am convinced I always understood it to be a convenient transitional phase.

In any case, my tepid loyalty to democratic socialism did not survive my experiences as an infantryman in the army. I entered military service with a prefabricated set of attitudes: The army was an authoritarian, hierarchical, mean-spirited, mindless machine while the common soldiers, for all their human imperfections, represented the potential for a better future. Well, it turned out that, as a provincial from New York, I knew nothing about the American common man and even less about the army as an institution. Again and again, and to my surprise, I found reasons to think better of the army and less well of my fellow enlisted men. It is true that, since I was inducted in Chicago, my regiment was heavily populated by thugs or near-thugs from places like Cicero (Al Capone's old base), so my impressions may have been extreme. Nevertheless, my army experience permitted me to make an important political discovery: the idea of building socialism with the common man who actually existed — as distinct from his idealised version — was sheer fantasy, and therefore the prospects for democratic socialism were nil. The army caused me to cease being a socialist.



Guardians of the Warsaw Pact: resistance to the imperialist designs of communist totalitarianism was essential

But what was I, then? When, after the war, I joined the editorial staff of *Commentary*, I accepted, for want of a better term, the designation of liberal. After all, members of the New York intellectual community were *all* liberals, with not a conservative (not one!) among them. It did not matter that much to me because, in the immediate post-war years, I was not particularly interested in politics. My own writings, in that period, encompassed religion, philosophy, and literature. I was a member in good standing of the anti-communist segment of that intellectual community, but I do not recall writing anything about communism. It was a period — it lasted almost five years — during which, as a liberal editor, non-liberal thoughts germinated in my mind and soul.

I was far from being a conservative, had no interest in market economics and the notion of voting Republican was as foreign to me as attending a Catholic mass. I suppose that, in today's terms, I could be fairly described as a premature neo-liberal — with the emphasis most emphatically on the "neo".

The two intellectual godfathers of my neo-ism were Lionel Trilling and Reinhold Niebuhr. It was Trilling who, as early as my college years, and even while I was a Trotskyist, pointed to liberalism's dirty little secret — that there was something basically rotten about its progressive metaphysics that led to an impoverishment of the imagination and a dessication of the spirit. It was he who pointed out that among all the modern novelists and poets we admired, and which he taught in his Columbia University course, there was not one who could properly be called a liberal. This theme Trilling went on to develop and deepened in the decades that followed, and I greedily seized upon every word he wrote.

Oddly enough, he never ceased to think of himself as a liberal, albeit a disturbed and dissident liberal, and while always respectful of religion, he was irredeemably secular in his sensibility. His mission as he saw it, apparently, was to liberate liberals from the confines of liberalism. But toward what, he could never say.

Reinhold Niebuhr could say. His two-volume *Nature and Destiny of Man* was the first theological work I had ever read and it pointed me beyond liberalism. To be sure, I had always had a vauge, positive feeling about religion and was especially fond of religious poets (Donne, Hopkins, Eliot). Indeed, it may have been through poetry that my predisposition to religion was formed. But I had neither the intellectual vocabulary nor the intellectual grammar with which to *think* about religion. It was Niebuhr who introduced me to the idea of the human condition as something permanent, inevitable, trans-cultural, trans-historical, a transcendent finitude. To entertain seriously such a vision is already to have disengaged oneself from a crucial progressive-liberal piety.

After Niebuhr, I plunged into theological literature with an ecumenical enthusiasm. By the late 1940s, religious thought was my most passionate interest — though, in the secular-liberal milieu in which I lived and worked, it was an interest to be revealed with prudence. The fact that Niebuhr, like Trilling, was generally regarded to be a member in good standing of the liberal intellectual community was reassuring to me. Perhaps it was possible, after all, to reject liberal metaphysics while remaining, to some degree and in some way, politically liberal.

The liberal ethos has corrupted sector after sector of American life

The following decades were to reveal to me how utterly impossible it was.

It was in 1951 that I started writing about politics again. My first such effort was a book review of a prominent fellow-travelling liberal, in which I tried to analyse the rhetoric of this kind of liberalism — not so much to argue with this rhetoric as to demonstrate how it shaped an utterly false view of the world. This was the beginning of my cold war — a persistent critical enquiry into liberalism, trying to figure out what were the passions and the intellectual preconceptions that moved otherwise intelligent people to take a relatively benign view of communist tyranny in power and of communist movements that strove to establish such a tyranny. I was grappling with the phenomenon of left-wing political romanticism and utopianism that infected the intellectual classes of the West, and of the westernised élites in the Third World.

I was indeed a Cold Warrior (a Cold War liberal was the familiar ascription) but I was not engaged in any kind of crusade against communism. It was the fundamental assumptions of contemporary liberalism that were my enemy. For without the moral legitimation of communism provided by Western intellectuals — all the Soviet intellectuals had perished or were in prison camps — the Cold War was reduced to a raw, power conflict between totalitarian tyranny and constitutional democracy. This Cold War was a very serious business, as war always is. And there was certainly a crucial ideological dimension to the conflict. The Soviet rulers were authentic Marxist-Leninists, though the peoples they ruled were nothing of the sort. But there really was no good reason why the bizarre beliefs of communist leaders should have provoked ideological turmoil in the West, should have given rise to the notion that there were agonising choices to be made. It was only the prevailing liberal ethos among intellectuals, academia, and the media that imported this complication into our lives.

In the decades that followed, this ethos moved consistently leftward as I moved consistently rightward. My liberal credentials became tattered, in my own eyes as well as in the eyes of others. Eventually, by the late 1960s, and early 1970s, something that was to be called "neo-conservatism" came into being as a new category of political identity for persons like myself. I found it a relief to be so designated and to be removed from that narrowing portion of the political spectrum labelled as anti-communist liberal.

Anti-communism had long since ceased being an interesting intellectual issue for me. Resistance to the imperialist designs of communist totalitarianism was essential, of course. How to make such resistance maximally effective was a political challenge, as was resistance to the ever-mounting passion for appeasement evident in liberal circles. But what began to concern me more and more were the clear signs of rot and decadence germinating within American society — a rot and decadence that was no longer the consequence of liberalism but was the actual agenda of contemporary liberalism. And the more contemporary, the more candid and radical was this agenda.

For me, then, neo-conservatism was an experience of moral, intellectual and spiritual liberation. I no longer had to pretend to believe that liberals were wrong because they subscribe to this or that erroneous opinion on this or that topic. No — liberals were wrong, liberals are wrong, because they are liberals. What is wrong with liberalism is liberalism — a metaphysics and a mythology that is woefully blind to human and political reality. Becoming a neo-conservative, then was the high point of *my* cold war.

It is a cold war that, for the last 25 years, has engaged my attention and energy, and continues to do so. There is no "after the Cold War" for me. So far from having ended, my cold war has increased in intensity, as sector after sector of American life has been ruthlessly corrupted by the liberal ethos. It is an ethos that aims at political and social collectivism on the one hand, and more anarchy on the other. It cannot win, but it can make us all losers.

We have, I do believe, reached a turning point in the history of the American democracy. Now that the other Cold War is over, the real cold war has begun. We are far less prepared for this cold war, far more vulnerable to our enemy, than was the case with our victorious war against a global communist threat. We are. I sometimes feel, starting from ground zero, and it is a conflict I shall be passing on to my children and grandchildren. But it is a far more interesting cold war — intellectually interesting, spiritually interesting — than the war we have so recently won, and I rather envy those young enough for the opportunities they will have to participate in it.

This is extracted from the special spring issue of The National Interest

NO RETIREMENT YET FOR THE VETERANS OF ANTI-COMMUNIST BATTLES

Two years after the demise of *Encounter*, the anti-communist magazine which Irving Kristol helped to found, the intellectual Cold Warriors who nurtured its dream have faded from the public eye.

The general of this platoon of thinkers was undoubtedly **Melvin Lasky**, 73, the presiding spirit of the magazine, who edited it for 32 years and negotiated its funding from the CIA-funded Congress for Cultural Freedom. The disclosure of the CIA connection in 1967 — which followed a critical article by Conor Cruise O'Brien — was described as a "literary Bay of Pigs" and prompted the resignation of Stephen Spender as co-editor.

A former captain in the US army, Lasky was one of the most aggressive and prolific opponents of Soviet communism. More recently, he has been associated with conservative organisations which defend the Atlantic alliance against European neutralism such as the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies and the Committee for the Free World.

As editor of *Encounter*, Lasky was linked with most of the great scholars of the anti-communist movement including Hugh Trevor-Roper, now **Lord Dacre**, the late **Arthur Koestler** and **George Urban**, the Hungarian former director of Radio Free Europe who later advised Mrs Thatcher on Germany. Perhaps the greatest single work to emerge from this fierce milieu was *The Great Terror* (1968) by the poet and historian **Robert Conquest**.



Elite: Kristol (left) and Conquest

Conquest's account of Stalin's murderous rule estimated that the dictator had slaughtered 20 million people. His book circulated in the Soviet Union only in *samizdat* but now Conquest is a hero of the post-communist system, honoured by Boris Yeltsin. "What matters is not so much that I got it right," he said, "but why the hell so many others got it wrong".

For some who belonged to the *Encounter* group, the collapse of the communist bloc in 1989 was victory enough. Others have found new enemies to attack and new reds under the bed. **Sir Peregrine Worsthorne**, former editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, argues that the united front of liberals and conservatives against communism was a red herring and that liberalism was always the true enemy, while **Gertrude Himmelfarb** and **Irving Kristol** have turned their attention to the scourge of political correctness in campus life.

Kristol was also the first to categorise the "New Class" of bureaucrats and other beneficiaries of the overgrown state. The battle against the Russians may be over but now in Kristol's words "the enemy is us, not them".

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Right on their tail

Sally Brompton on animal lovers who devote their lives to catching those who steal or mutilate horses


JULIAN HERBERT

Super sleuth: Angie Johnson with her foal Daisy, whose mother was recently attacked with a Stanley knife

It is 3.30 in the morning and Angie Johnson, her ankle-length black evening dress splattered with mud and manure, is surreptitiously photographing horses in a dealer's yard somewhere in the north of England. Her task complete, she slips out the back of the stables, hitches up her satin dress and runs across a muddy field in her evening pumps to where her car is waiting.

This is not a typical night out for Mrs Johnson. Normally when this 37-year-old mother of four goes snooping around stable yards by torchlight in the early hours of the morning she is more suitably dressed for the occasion.

It just so happened that, on the way home from a birthday party, she noticed some suspicious activity in the yard and decided to investigate. Mrs Johnson is a leading figure in Britain's nationwide Horsewatch network, a voluntary organisation aimed at combating equine crime, especially the vicious sexual attacks on mares — her own ten-year-old Welsh cob mare, Daphne, was recently sexually assaulted and mutilated with a Stanley knife — and the increasing theft of horses, saddlery, tack and trailers.

Many of the horses and ponies stolen are family pets. The emotional anguish suffered by their owners — who frequently spend years scouring the country in search of them — and the cloak-and-dagger methods employed by the intrepid women determined to recover them is explored in a Channel 4 documentary on Easter Sunday.

It was after having two of her own horses stolen along with £15,000 of saddles and harness that Mrs Johnson started Hampshire's first branch of Horsewatch at the beginning of 1991. "Bloody enraged" at the loss, she contacted the Mounted Branch of the Metropolitan Police who put her in touch with Sue Evans, who had just started a Horsewatch scheme in the Midlands.

"The police really need help with this sort of crime," says Mrs Evans, who had lost two hunters and three ponies to thieves. "Very few police officers know anything about horses and it became apparent that something needed to be done."

That — "something" materialised as a primarily female force of amateur detectives who haunt the horse markets, auctions, abattoirs and dealers' yards in their relentless search for their own and other people's stolen horses. They carry with them books of photographs and descriptions of missing horses, and drum up whatever support they can among the dealers, travellers and drivers they meet. They photograph horses that they think may have been stolen and take the numbers of suspected vehicles and the descriptions of suspicious characters, all of which they feed back to the police and into their own nationwide network.

An estimated 85 Horsewatches have sprung up in the past 18 months, all of them run on a voluntary basis and in collaboration with the local police. Mrs Johnson, widely regarded as Horsewatch's super sleuth, calculates that she spends between £100 and £150 a month on phone calls, photographs and petrol on behalf of Horsewatch. Her own cross-section of informants include the owners of



motorway cafés, gypsies, horse-dealers and long-distance lorry drivers who watch out for horses being transferred from one horse box to another in motorway service stations in the dead of night.

A former army officer with the veterinary corps in Armagh, Mrs Johnson recovered her own horses after spotting them from a friend's plane and found her tack in a local shop. She says that she does not frighten easily, despite the frequent threats she receives. Only once, when ordered out of a dealer's yard by the owner brandishing a shotgun, did she make a diplomatic exit.

"These people can be dangerous and very professional," confirms Sergeant Ted Barnes who runs the Metropolitan Police's equine crime unit. "We're talking shotguns and kneecapping and really nasty sorts of criminal behaviour. It's a mixture of organised crime and opportunism and we always warn Horsewatch members of the risks. It's their task to be the eyes and ears of the local police and not vigilantes."

> Many of the 50 or so horses recovered last year owe their rescue to the work of the Horsewatch members

While decrying as "grossly inadequate" police resources for handling equine crime — "police officers are notorious for being wary of horses which they see as horrible nasty beasts with long noses who bite and kick" — he is full of praise for Horsewatch. "The system works. It's a very good tried-and-tested formula and we endorse it wholeheartedly. I would say they're doing an invaluable job. We're rudderless until somebody says 'you need to look at such and such'."

He believes that the 120 horses stolen in 1992 represent the tip of the iceberg and has no doubt that many of the 50 or so recovered owe their rescue to the work of the Horsewatch members.

In the same year, £1.4 million of saddlery and tack was stolen (of which only £9,000 worth has been recovered) and 96 trailers — none of which have been found.

The fact that horse-stealing is regarded legally as a property theft gives no indication of the devastating effect the loss of a horse can have on whole families. Sergeant Barnes compares it to kidnapping. "I've had people crying on the answerphone when reporting the loss of a horse. It often leaves a permanent vacuum in their lives."

That is certainly the case for Derek and Margaret Povall and their three daughters whose Welsh mountain pony, Ben, was stolen from a field near their South Wirral home 16 months ago. Ben, who will be 17 in May, is the third generation of his family to belong to the Povalls. His grandmother is buried in their front garden and they still own his mother, Anna. Mr Povall delivered Ben himself.

"When he disappeared, we were frantic," says Yvonne Povall, 31. "I was absolutely hysterical. Ben is one of the family and it was just like losing a baby." She estimates that she and her mother have spent thousands of pounds on telephone calls, postage, coloured posters of Ben in his summer and winter coats and on following up clues all over the country. Despite offering a reward "in excess of his value" they have yet to come up with a solid lead.

"Not knowing where he is or whether he's being hurt is devastating," says Ms Povall, who is currently setting up a branch of Horsewatch. "He's such a gentle pony."

● The Horse Detectives *will be broadcast on Channel 4 on April 11, at 7pm.*

I'd adore to rent a major


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"With one of our men at their side", says the founder, Hugh Bell (former 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. Sah!), "people will be able to go into a shop looking like the Marlboro man, and come out looking like the Duke of Marlborough". (I am not sure he quite thought that one through, but never mind. One does not hire Hughs and Jeremys for their sensitivity to street fashion or what us proles think of warring aristos, does one?).

Personally, I cannot wait to finish saving up for a day's worth. It is marvellous enough, after 13 shambling years of marital getting-by, to contemplate an awayday with a crisp, handsome, well-groomed Guards officer at my side, summoning taxis with a lift of his eyebrow and handing me solicitously over difficult doorsteps. Even better is the idea that this clean-fingernailed paragon would know that he was being paid folding money not to patronise me, say "Reallah?" in a wounding way, or stare over my shoulder with his mouth slightly open at something called Ffyona or Meredith. Just think of having all the gloss of an Etonian at your disposal, without the poisonousness.

I cannot think why the government never considered taking this route as an alternative to the defence cuts. A National Escort Service would be unmatchable: for those who didn't fancy Guardsmen, it could have offered a full range: Royal Corps of Transport chaps to drive you ever so politely to Scotland and clean your car, peppery generals to cow your more obstreperous relations at Easter Sunday lunch and SAS men to go on holiday with you to Miami.

A bit of private enterprise like this could save us all a lot of trouble. Why hive off the movement of prisoners to private security firms when you could take the equally cost-effective route of keeping experienced prison officers on the payroll, but renting them out in their slack time to private individuals?

I have held several children's parties where the presence of a couple of seasoned screws from Strangeways would have made all the difference to decorum and discipline. Yes, Captain Bell has shown us all the way.

My dinghy is looking a bit grimy after the winter, with a lot of frayed ropes and stuck bits, and I am getting funny looks down at the Yacht Club. I wonder how much an Admiral would cost?

James Landale and **Charlotte Neser**'s guide to the best Easter offerings

Chocolate eggs? Poach these ideas

For those of us too old to look for bunnies in the garden or too secular to go to church, Easter means only one thing: chocolate. And best of all, a legitimate reason for eating the stuff. Last year we scoffed 80 million Easter eggs, more than three for every household. Cadbury's, which has 50 per cent of the Easter egg market, sold £230 million worth of the things.

Many eggs, however, are mass-produced and over-packaged. Where do you get a really yummy chocolate egg that is a cut above the rest? Nicola Porter, co-director of the Chocolate Society, a group which holds chocolate "tastings" for its 1,400 members, has clear advice. "Look for good chocolate rather than the actual egg," she says. "Go for something plain and simply wrapped so that you know that the money has been spent on the chocolate rather than the packaging."

A brief survey of London's specialist chocolate shops reveals that this is far from easy. Most over-wrap their eggs and demand a high price for them. Some even dispense with the usual chocolate shell and just use an egg-shaped box, covered in velvet or silk, to carry their own particular brand of chocolates.

The Times, believing that the best eggs must have a shell as good as the chocs inside, presents a gastronomic guide to some really good eggs:

Villandry (89 Marylebone High St, London) specialises in French eggs. *Valrhona* do the best plain chocolate, *Cote de France* the best milk. *Richart* produces what are described as "ultra-moderne" painted eggs. Prices range from £3 to £19.

S'il vous plait (37 Victoria St, London), a specialist in Belgian chocolates, sells a basic egg in three sizes, from £10.95 for 260g to £19.95 for 510g. All are filled with Belgian chocolates, hand-made in Antwerp, and can be set in baskets.

Thorntons (11 Victoria Parade, London, and branches) goes for variety rather than taste. It offers artificially sweetened eggs for diabetics, Noah's Ark eggs, Teddy bear eggs with Teddy lollies inside and even one called the "Bo Peep and her sheep egg" with three white lambs inside the shell. The most disgusting-sounding is the "Elephant and Mouse Egg", which is a milk chocolate egg filled with raspberry jelly mousse.

Lessiter's (Bond St Tube station and branches), a specialist in Swiss chocolates, has three basic eggs, £5.90, £11.50 and £23.50, all filled with its own chocolates. The most original novelty is the "Frog Egg" (£3.95). The biggest egg is a 3.5kg whopper, not cheap at £45.

Charbonnel et Walker (28 Old Bond St, London), also provide a basic three-box range, which is pricey (£16, £19 and £29) but worth it. It also makes velvet egg boxes which are filled with the firm's own chocolates (starting at £15.50). Big one-off eggs are another speciality: Little Bertha (17lbs), a snip at £270, is overshadowed by the enormous Big Bertha (27lbs) which sells for £360.


Truly an egg among eggs

Fortnum & Mason (Piccadilly), however, has the biggest egg, weighing 30lb, 20in high, 21in wide with a diameter of 68in, the egg sells for £500. Like Charbonnel, it also sells eggs with non-chocolate shells, only this time they are made of silk. The smallest of these costs £9.75; the most expensive, the Jumbo, is priced at £72.50 for 2lb 2oz of chocolate.

If, however, you are really stuck: make your own egg. Elizabeth Wolf-Cohen, author of *The Chocolate Cookbook* (Quartet, 1992), says: "It is not very difficult. It can be quite messy but it is only a question of getting the chocolate at the right temperature." A dark chocolate fan herself, she recommends *Ackerman's* (9 Goldhurst Terrace, London NW6).

Those weary of eggs altogether could choose a continental option: the French eat chocolate chickens at Easter and the Italians eat chocolate sheep.

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Janet Daley



■ Teachers have become hostages to their own contradictory demands when it comes to testing

What a dance the teaching unions have led us — and by "us" I mean all those with sensible views about schooling and the hapless government ministers who have tried to act in our name. By now even the words used by both sides have largely lost their meaning. The government is said to be "climbing down" over testing in the face of teachers' complaints that tests are too time-consuming.

And yet the perversely time-wasting form of these tests — particularly in primary schools — was foisted upon the government by the teaching lobby. What the government wanted was the kind of simple exercise that most adults remember: spelling and sums tests which took about half an hour every Friday morning. Not only did these give an easily comprehended measure of what had been absorbed during the week, but most important, they gave children themselves clear goals on which to build a sense of achievement.

This suggestion was anathema to the philosophy of education with which a whole generation of teachers had been inculcated. They demanded a system of assessment which was consistent with their own concept of good practice. This involved precisely the sort of context-based tasks — requiring each child to reinvent the wheel — which have been wasting school time for decades. But when presented with their own formula by government, classroom teachers could miraculously see everything that was wrong with the very approach that in all other contexts they would defend to the death.

It is a mistake to assume that the objection to straightforward tests was purely that it labelled some children as failures. There is a more subtle argument which must be explored if the nature of the government's problems with its national curriculum is to be understood. Teachers do not dislike tests simply because they cause some children to feel inadequate, or even, as the Tory backbenches believe, because they make teachers look inadequate. They cannot accept them because they have been taught to reject the idea of objective knowledge itself: the notion that there are right and wrong answers which can be judged or corrected.

Education is no longer to be seen as transmitting a body of knowledge — "instructional" is the most damning pejorative in the lexicon — but as a much more diffuse exercise, in which the child's emotions and creative imagination must be brought into play at every stage. This rebellion against the very idea of neutral information is, obviously, more credible in arts subjects than in mathematics and science, which is why most of the controversy has raged around history and English, which are the real political battlegrounds of the curriculum.

It is in these fields that the commitment to subjectivism and the vanquishing of any notion of objective validity have caused havoc. It is not so much that teachers do not want pupils to be examined on what they have learnt, as that they refuse to construe these subjects in a way which makes it possible to test them. This is not so much an academic issue as a moral one: a confused idea of democracy which holds that even the most untutored and immature conception of a historical event or a literary work should be seen as no less worthy than an authoritative one.

Since this approach turns learning into a therapeutic aspect of personal development, rather than an intellectual accomplishment, it follows that any attempt to "test" learning becomes an inhuman affront. This is the reasoning which underpins the ridiculous statement by Labour's education secretary, Ann Taylor, that if the tests are not called off, the government risks "blighting the future lives of a generation of our children" — as if testing pupils were tantamount to boiling them in oil.

> Education is no longer seen as passing on a body of knowledge

When the government first got itself into the curriculum planning business, it spoke of a "core curriculum" in which the basics of literacy and numeracy would be monitored. But again, the teaching lobbies intervened, protesting that those subjects not included in the official guidelines would be marginalised or downgraded. So the enterprise grew to monstrous proportions in an attempt to satisfy all the axe-grinders. Now teachers are demanding a narrower programme which leaves more scope for options, and again the government will "give in" and so revert to its own original intention.

It may be true, as Lord Skidelsky has said, that the education secretary has become trapped in a fatal confounding of the need to test pupils with the need to test schools. But he has been lured into that bog by the infuriating determination of the teachers' lobbies to subvert every attempt to restore a form of content which may usefully be evaluated.

Certainly the national curriculum has become absurdly detailed and overprescriptive, but that is a consequence of attempting on the one hand to compel teachers to pass on a certain amount of basic information, and on the other of trying to satisfy all the contradictory demands of a deeply confused profession.

Andrew Sentance considers John Major's year, and asks if we are about to be disappointed again

Nurture this recovery

Sir Winston Churchill was once asked by a journalist what were the desirable qualifications for success in politics. He replied: "It is the ability to foretell what is going to happen tomorrow, next week, next month, and next year. And to have the ability afterwards to explain why it didn't happen." John Major has had some explaining to do. This time last year, he suggested that recovery would follow soon after the re-election of a Conservative government. Yet the green shoots are only just beginning to appear.

Mr Major was not alone in forecasting recovery in 1992. Even before the election, surveys by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) showed some increase in manufacturing orders and retail sales. But within two months of the election, these encouraging signs had begun to fade. Deteriorating European markets and a lack of consumer confidence combined to ensure that gross domestic product (GDP) declined by 0.5 per cent in 1992, defying the government's Budget forecast of 1 per cent growth.

Once more the government is forecasting growth of around 1 per cent for the current year, and once more CBI surveys are pointing to an improvement in orders and retail sales. So are we about to be disappointed again?

Probably not. The combination of positive signals is the strongest we have seen since the recession began in mid 1990. In the three months to February, retail sales were 1.8 per cent up on a year ago, the strongest increase seen for almost three years. Car registrations have been showing year-on-year increases for the past six months, and the first quarter of this year saw the largest annual increase since 1989. The CBI monthly trends enquiry shows that manufacturing order books are now fuller than they have been since mid 1990. Ten per cent more manufacturers expect to increase output in the months ahead than expect a decrease — with the exception of May 1992, the strongest outlook for four years.

There are even signs of life returning to the housing market, with reports of activity picking up and both the Halifax and the Nationwide reporting a rise in house prices in March. With interest rates now at their lowest level since 1972 (with the exception of a ten-week period in 1977), there is a good chance that these positive signals will be reinforced over the months ahead.

But despite these encouraging indicators, there remain many negative influences in the economic environment. The most significant is the deterioration in other EC markets, which account for almost 60 per cent of UK export sales. Industrial production in West Germany showed a staggering 11.2 per cent fall in the year to February. The latest figures show a 6.3 per cent fall in West German retail sales volumes. These rates of decline are much more severe than those experienced in Britain, even when the recession was biting hard in 1991. Industrial production is also falling in France, The Netherlands, Italy and Spain.

The deterioration elsewhere in Europe casts a cloud over the short-term prospects for the British economy. It also reduces the chances of achieving the growth of exports and investment needed to ensure a healthy and balanced recovery. Consumer spending has a part to play in lifting the economy out of recession, but growth in the 1990s needs to be less dependent on consumer spending and more reliant on investment and exports than it was in the last decade.

During the 1980s, the fruits of economic growth were consumed, not invested. Between 1979 and 1990, per-capita consumer spending grew by 2.9 per cent a year — the fastest rate of growth (along with Italy) of any of the Group of Seven nations. As a result, public and private consumption as a share of GDP has risen from around 80 per cent in 1979 to 87 per cent in 1992, reducing the resources available for investment by a third. The British economy is still spending more than it is producing, leading to a balance of payments deficit on current account in 1992 of £12 billion, or 2 per cent of GDP, despite significant cuts in investment during the recession.

The prospects for achieving a rate of growth sufficient to reduce unemployment depend upon redressing this imbalance. If the consumer is not to be the sole engine of recovery, companies must look abroad for new markets. Improvements in productivity, product quality and industrial relations, coupled with the depreciation of sterling since leaving the ERM, have created a better springboard for manufacturing industry as it comes out this recession than in previous recoveries. But in the difficult international economic climate, a revival of British manufacturing will require supportive government policies as well as action by industry itself. This means avoiding measures that damage competitiveness, such as the "levelling up" of social costs across the EC that is implied by the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty. It also implies that the large public sector borrowing requirement should not be reduced by adding to business costs or reducing government investment in infrastructure.

Last month's Budget indicates that the government recognises the force of these arguments. The tax increases the Chancellor has announced for 1994-95 and 1995-96 fall mainly on the consumer. The steps he took in the short term were aimed at encouraging exports and easing the pressures on business, but the Budget also provides a reminder that rebalancing the economy will not be a painless business. If we are to invest a greater share of our resources, we must consume less. There may be more uncomfortable decisions to come, in the form of restraining public spending, when the government announces its autumn Budget.

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Heroin and anti-heroine

As each generation grows wilder than the last, ever more self-destructive behaviour starts to be seen as ordinary



Debbie Raymond with her young family: why was a bottle of wine not enough for a "normal evening"?

Bernard Levin

On the whole, I try not to think that the world is coming to an end, and that even if it is, it is doing so not with a bang but a whimper. But from time to time, there is evidence that I am wrong, that the bang will come first, and in addition will be quite exceptionally loud.

A strange — but, alas, all too believable — story drifted out of America from the Associated Press a few weeks ago. It would have had us believe that there was a man, high on drugs and in a frenzy to get his fix, who was clutching a three-hour-old baby and offering to sell the infant for the ten dollars he needed for his next dose. A youth, Robert Garcia, paid the modest sum, and the transaction was concluded; the seller drove off, and young Mr Garcia rushed the baby to the nearest church.

Unfortunately (unless I mean fortunately), there was not a word of truth in the tale. Mr Garcia, far from being the hero of the hour, the cool-headed Good Samaritan, the proof that the younger generation had good in its heart, had invented the whole episode. And why? Because his 17-year-old girlfriend had just given birth to his illegitimate baby, and he faced charges including sexual intercourse with a minor, abandoning an infant and giving false evidence to the police.

One of the lesser aspects of this tale — lesser but very significant — is its plausibility. I shuddered when I heard the original story (it included blood on the umbilical cord), but I did not throw the newspaper aside as an absurd fiction. It *was* fiction, but it was *not* absurd.

Nor can we pass by on the other side. Here in Britain, only a week or two ago, there was a story of a BBC programme presenter who asked for a substantial advance on her salary; questioned, she revealed that she needed the money to go into a clinic in which she hoped to be cured of her drug — drugs, actually — addiction. (She had been taking speed, cocaine and heroin for ten years: towards the end she was paying £350 a day for her poison.)

When she confessed her thrall, she said something that must have made Dante sulk for a week, for not thinking of it first. He said "All hope abandon, ye who enter here", but she topped that with what I suppose is today's version: "No one who starts taking drugs thinks they will get addicted. It just happens."

I truly did not think that I would want to write about the drug pandemic so soon after the other story I told here. But these horrors intrude themselves. How many times a week do we read of yet another young man or woman in court for crimes committed in the pursuance of the drugs they must have or run mad?

Here, to hand, is the story — nowise different from any number of thousands of such stories, other than that it concerns a well-known name. It is the story of Debbie Raymond, daughter of Paul Raymond, the man called the "King of Porn", and she was in court for drug-using, though the court was a coroner's and her evidence had to be given by others. The immediate cause of death, it seems, was her insistence on heroin, which she was using for the first time. Now hear some of the evidence as it unfolded:

> She was "an evening person" taking cocaine about four times a week along with other drugs, including Ecstasy. "She came home from work and we had a drink. She put out cocaine on the table and she snorted it." She also drank a bottle of vodka and became "considerably intoxicated", although he was not concerned by this because she "could hold her liquor".

But one of the newspapers, reporting the death, began with a sentence of nine words from her lover's account of what had happened, an account which chilled my blood to such a degree that I do not think I shall ever get those words out of my mind. The man in her life, Mr Ainsley Tree, said: "Apart from the heroin, it was a normal evening."

The hell it was. My readers are a very various body, and no doubt there are some who get up to all sorts of mischief, but I take leave to doubt, in view of the fact that the evening included a quantity of cocaine snorted, an entire bottle of vodka drunk and an assortment of other drugs, including Ecstasy, swallowed, that many of them would say "Apart from the heroin it was a normal evening".

Why? She was not an idiot; indeed, from the background material I have read she seems to have been an intelligent and hard-working young woman. What devils caught at her skirt to drag her down to hell? And whatever may be the answer to that question, why has self-destruction become the oriflamme of our world? How and when did the drugs come in? There is no need to answer either question, for the last question devours all three: Why? You would be surprised how recent is the rush to death; in my generation, the one immediately after the war, the greatest indulgence was a second pint of beer, and as far as I know nobody committed murder for it. The next intake thought a puff on a joint the most glamorous, nose-thumbing, tightrope-walking behaviour; not one student in a thousand would have known how to get one, and most of those who did would not have known how to use it. (Will somebody more streetwise than I explain the odd but surely significant fact that drug-users "do" drugs, rather than "take" them?)

Après eux le déluge. "Apart from the heroin, it was a normal evening." Far be it from me to suggest that it would be a source of merriment if Mr Ainsley Tree were to fall under a very large and powerful steamroller, but if such a lamentable event were to occur, I think I could manage a smile or two. But the Ainsley Trees of this world (I hope there aren't any in the next) are not the problem. The problem is that although nobody is compelled to behave like that, and nobody is ignorant of what it leads to, so many do behave like it, and in many cases plainly do not mind.

Not mind? They hug death to their hearts and bodies. Consider: when the Aids plague had begun to take hold, the American "bath-houses" went out of business. (Bath-houses, for those who are not sufficiently streetwise to understand the term, were places where large numbers of homosexuals would have anything up to 50 or more indiscriminate sexual partners, strangers all, in a single night.) Well, the bath-houses are now back, together with the obvious likelihood of a hideous fate, and what is more, one of these places where they sell tickets to death is proudly advertising one day a week as "HIV-positive evenings".

Some years ago, I was in a carriage of the London Underground, where I saw three young men sitting side by side; the one in the middle was being comforted by the other two, who were clearly taking him to a place where he could get help, whatever it was that made him need it. Since they were all only a few feet from me, I was hardly eavesdropping, when the suffering one cried out "I've been on this stuff for four years!", a cry which inevitably meant that he had despaired of cure. His two friends immediately began to boost his ebbing courage with their uplift, but when the train stopped, and they all got out, the slumped form of the victim — self-victim, it must be said — suggested that it would take more than cheery talk to save him. But why did he need saving?

I put little credence in the theory that drug-users fall into the pit by demonstrating bravado — "I can sniff and turn it off when I feel like it". (As I recall, Sherlock Holmes boasted, not making a fuss, that he could take cocaine and suffer no harm.) But there is something deeper and darker in the soul of the lost ones, and what it is is quite beyond me.

We know, of course, what full drug-dependence does: anything goes when supplies run out — mugging, stabbing, murder. Rodgers and Hammerstein made a hit with "Some enchanted evening", and no heroin in sight. Why was Debbie Raymond not content with that?

Oh yes they can

JOHN MAJOR has had his own mandate for a year, but if the government's problems worsen he could still face a leadership challenge before Christmas. Or could he? Most MPs and officials of the Conservative party's 1992 committee, which revised the rules after Margaret Thatcher's fall, don't know. Conservative Central Office is not sure either.

Eleven Downing Street, where party chief whip Richard Ryder has his office, is no wiser. "I am not sure. It is a matter for next door," insists one of Ryder's team.

"No it's not. It is a party matter," says No 10. Which indeed it is. So on to officers of the 1922 Committee. There too, Sir Rhodes Boyson is in the dark. "I just don't know. The rules are complicated. I don't keep a copy of them in my top draw. Ask one of the others."

Sir George Gardiner, Tory MP for Reigate, thought there could be a challenge this year. "But not last year. In the first year after an election a challenge is forbidden."

Not so apparently. The rules, issued to Smith Square in November 1991 by Sir Cranley Onslow when he was chairman of the 1922 committee, stipulate that an election can take place "not earlier than three months or later than six months" from the date of an election. So Major could have been challenged, but only between July 9 and October 9, most of which was the parliamentary recess.

As for this year, the rules state that a leadership election can take place within 28 days of the Queen's Speech, due in October, provided that 10 per cent of the parliamentary party, some 34 MPs, agree. That is the case, isn't it. Sir Cranley? "I can't remember. Ask Central Office."

● *John Birt will no doubt welcome news that Edmund Ignatius Rice, a cleric born in 1762, has been venerated by the Pope. So the first step to sainthood has been taken by the founder of the Irish Christian Brothers, whose educational establishments include St Mary's College in Liverpool, where Birt was a pupil. Discipline was harsh, with rules enforced strictly by the book. Just like the BBC really.*

DIARY

What's cooking?

MARCO PIERRE WHITE, the *enfant terrible of haute cuisine*, is not a man to let a £500 fine for criminal damage stand in his way for long. Not content with Harvey's, his flagship Wandsworth restaurant, and The Canteen, the Chelsea eaterie he co-owns with Michael Caine, Pierre White is now believed to be talking to the Hyde Park Hotel. The owners, Forte, confirm that "there have been discussions" but — perhaps wisely given Pierre White's unpredictable nature — will go no further.



GED

Party time

MINISTERS may be playing down today's anniversary, but one Tory MP, David Amess, will be celebrating — albeit modestly.

Amess, a staunch Roman Catholic, traditionally fasts on Good Fridays. But having more to celebrate than most MPs — his victory in Basildon was the first signal on election night that the Tories had won again — he is having a small party at home tonight.

Amess is keeping his powder dry for a far bigger celebration in June of the tenth anniversary of the Thatcher landslide, when he first became an MP. Both John Major and Baroness Thatcher are expected to bury their differences, and appear together.

Amess says: "Without Mrs Thatcher I would never have become an MP. Without John Major I would not expect still to be one."

One's roof

MUCH mopping of sooty brows after the removal of 4,000 dustbins of debris from the burnt-out areas of Windsor Castle. A team of 30 English Heritage archaeologists led by John Thorneycroft, son of the Tory grandee Lord Thorneycroft, has just completed phase one of the restoration programme. The next stage is to put the roof back on.

The location of the dustbins is, of course, a well-guarded secret. But among the items recovered are four large chandeliers from the castle's grand reception room, two marble busts, some metalwork tracery, ceiling plasterwork and an item or two of fine jewels.

Buckingham Palace refuses to comment on the formidable achievements of Thorneycroft's team, which visited the burnt ruin of Uppark House in West Sussex last year for tips on how to proceed. Plans for the restoration of the castle should be announced within a month or two.

The likely course will disappoint architectural modernists. English Heritage appears to have found little scope for a modern showpiece, and recommends that any restoration should follow the original roofline of the building.

Paper schism

HAVING trouble working out where you stand on the ordination of women priests? So, it appears, is *The Church of England Newspaper*, which is reacting to the threat of mass defections to Rome with pragmatic aplomb.

Aware that its editorial line in support of women priests was isolating some of its more traditional readers, the paper has simply split itself into two. The main paper will continue to support the ordination of women, while the views of those who oppose it will be contained in "Directions", a monthly supplement.

Signed leader columns in the supplement are likely to conflict directly with those of the main paper, but Colin Blakley, the news editor, is unperturbed. "We are covering ourselves by splitting our readership into two camps. We are providing for the Anglo-Catholics," he says. Others say they're having their communion wafer and eating it.

Passing on the baton



Reviews of *The Queen of Spades*, the ENO production which sees Sian Edwards wield the baton for the first time since becoming musical director elect, have not been kind. But it will take more than a few critical brickbats to shake Edwards, who has always treated authority with a healthy disdain. This, after all, is the woman who, at the age of 18, on her last day at Oxford High School, streaked across the school stage and into Oxford history.

Those present will never forget the episode. As headmistress Elaine Kaye was finishing her speech for the end-of-term assembly, a naked Edwards sprinted across the stage and headed for the door. She almost made it. Kaye reflects now that as it was Edwards' last day at school, there was "little we could do. But I was very surprised. It wasn't a common occurrence — in fact I can't remember anyone else doing anything like that."

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BALKAN HUMILIATION

The UN's credibility in Bosnia is fast vanishing

Nato's announcement that enforcement of the no-fly zone over Bosnia will begin on Monday, marks the first visible military challenge to Serbian power. As such, it is important. But it cannot disguise the disarray in American, Russian and European Community policy towards former Yugoslavia, or the mismatch between the further measures being discussed and the growing horror on the ground. Edgy discussions between America and Europe over tougher economic sanctions continue, not because there is any faith that they will help Bosnia, but to fend off disagreement on what form more forceful action could take.

Despite yesterday's promise by the Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, to return to peace talks, the Vance-Owen plan, which always depended on a credible Nato strategy to enforce it, is beached. And the UN relief operation will be further imperilled by the discovery by Serbs of large quantities of ammunition on a UN convoy bound for Sarajevo. That discovery provides the perfect alibi for starving Srebrenica — the town which is fast becoming the graveyard of UN peacekeeping in Bosnia.

When General Philippe Morillon, the United Nations commander in Bosnia, raised the UN flag over Srebrenica's post office on March 13, he pledged to put the besieged Muslim town under UN protection and to stay there not only until the arrival of the first UN convoy since December, but as long as he considered "the safety of the inhabitants is at risk". Unprofor, the United Nations Protection Force in Bosnia, seemed at last to be living up to its name. A week later the Serb besiegers, their will seriously tested for the first time, gave way and the UN convoy got through, though only after the general conceded a vital point of principle by agreeing that the convoy would shed its military escort.

General Morillon seemed genuinely to believe that the UN had turned a corner and could now fulfil its mandate to deliver aid, ensure an end to hostilities and lift the sieges on all Bosnian cities. Only last Saturday, he was revelling in the renaming of Srebrenica's main street in his honour and declaring that "Srebrenica is safe".

Despite a new ceasefire last Sunday, this was a remarkably vainglorious boast. Even as it was made UN relief officials were attempting to evacuate civilians before the town fell, opposed by local Muslim leaders who believed that this would only render a final Serb onslaught inevitable. On Tuesday a key military meeting was boycotted by the Muslim commander, who claimed that after General Morillon's dramatic pledge to protect Srebrenica Serb forces had levelled more than 60 villages in the area to the ground. Heavy Serb artillery attacks on Srebrenica resumed the same day.

Yesterday, attempting to return to Srebrenica and establish a UN military presence there, General Morillon was humiliatingly extricated from a crowd of angry Serb civilians near Zvornic by the Bosnian Serb army's chief of staff. His impotence, and the UN's, was underscored by the Serb commander's use of a helicopter to escort his armoured vehicle out of town, in defiance of the UN no-fly zone.

This was a predictable humiliation. In pursuit of the UN's humanitarian mission, General Morillon has a mandate to use military force. But for that he needs political backing, and the use of heavy British and French equipment lying offshore in the Adriatic. The UN has reached the limits of persuasion because the Serbs no longer fear the Western policy of graduated response. It is a month since the UN secretary-general conceded that if the Serbs refuse to stop fighting, "there is only one solution ... enforcement". The world is still waiting for actions to back those words.

ROAD TO ROME

The conversion of rebel Anglicans will be a mixed blessing

Good Friday is the most spiritually ambivalent day in the ecclesiastical calendar, a day on which grief for what has been lost mingles with the expectation of renewal. The historic signal from the Roman Catholic Church that it is willing to admit hundreds of rebel Anglican priests, reflects the regrettable failure of the Church of England to resolve its most profound differences. None the less, the Vatican's gesture will offer Anglicans who find the prospect of women priests intolerable a brighter spiritual future and should leave reformists free to rebuild unity within the English Church. It should be cautiously welcomed.

Five months after the General Synod's decision in November to admit women priests, passions are still running perilously high. In February, 100 traditionalists all but wrecked the assembly's first meeting since the vote by holding an infantile "alternative synod" to discuss their campaign of resistance. Yesterday, the Maundy Thursday service taken by Dr David Hope, the bishop of London, was challenged by rival meetings held by two of his own suffragans. There is evidently an implacable minority who will never be reconciled to the synod's view: some 500 to 1,000 Anglican priests are expected eventually to take advantage of the Vatican's offer, five and a half centuries after Henry VIII split with Rome.

The Vatican must now clarify how much of the Anglican liturgy and Book of Common Prayer will be allowed through the net of conversion, and whether married parish priests will be confined to the role of chaplain. Anglican clergymen who resign from the Church of England will be generously compensated under the terms agreed by the synod last year. But they will also be stripped of all ecclesiastical property and may find many Catholic dioceses and parishes too poor to pay them an adequate salary. In such cases, the cost of conscience will be material as well as spiritual. Rebel priests and the laymen who follow them into the Catholic fold must expect a rocky road between Canterbury and Rome.

The difficulties of transition will merely be compounded if the Vatican adopts a triumphalist tone. Cardinal Hume's prediction last month that the conversion of the traditionalists was "the conversion of England, for which we have prayed all these years" was unfounded. The flight of the dissenters reflects the failure of the minority Anglo-Catholic movement within the Anglican Church to achieve its goals or even a tolerable compromise. This melancholy schism marks the final waning of the Oxford Movement, rather than its triumph.

Rarely have the limits of ecumenism been so clear. In its bold decision to admit women priests, the Church of England wisely decided that some principles were more important than solidarity at all costs with other Christian traditions. There is now little prospect that the Catholic and Anglican communions can be reunited. But if unity is impossible, then amicability is all the more important.

Since many parishioners may wish to follow their clergymen when they convert, the General Synod should offer to lease out Anglican churches for a few hours a week to newly converted priests. Likewise, the Catholic bishops of England and Wales should consider again the special commission proposed by Lambeth Palace to preserve good relations between the two churches. The last five months have marked out the clearest doctrinal division in the English church this century. If the antagonists cannot share worship, they must at least learn to be neighbourly.

MOTORISED MENACE

Off-road vehicles must be stopped from ruining the countryside

This year's cult car is the Land Rover Discovery, a four-wheel-drive vehicle capable of going up and down mountains, that doubles as a family saloon. More often than not, it is to be seen cruising down the M4 or pottering harmlessly around South Kensington. But its popularity, along with that of other off-road cars and motorbikes, seems to reflect a yearning to drive off tarmac roads and head straight into the countryside. Whether it is simply a fashion, a response to congestion on ordinary roads, or a desire to be surrounded by greenery without the effort of walking, this craze is leading to rural conflict and damaging the quality of Britain's country life.

Ramblers do not like being sprayed with mud. People who flee to the country in search of peace do not want to be deafened by engines as they try to enjoy a walk along a quiet byway. The government is therefore being asked to protect these paths from being churned and rutted by off-road motorbikes and cars.

The drivers claim their ancient rights of access and so far the law has upheld them. If drivers can prove that in the past, however distant, a path was open to vehicles, then the local authority must permit people to use cars and motorcycles upon it, however much nuisance and noise they might produce.

This is British traditionalism at its worst. Precedent should not be allowed to overrule common sense. Just because a horse and cart was once allowed to wend its way along a track should not mean that a motorised monster should be permitted to do so now. Yet that is what the law suggests.

Britain is crisscrossed by a perfectly serviceable network of public roads. There is no longer any need for vehicles to use grassy byways to get from one place to another unless they belong to farmers seeking access to their fields. The only rationale is for recreation. In that pursuit, the rights of drivers must be weighed against the rights of people who want to enjoy the countryside undisturbed.

Churning up paths and polluting with engine noise is clearly an antisocial activity. Walking is not. In towns, the antisocial aspects of motorised traffic are widely recognised. Lorries are often banned from city centres and shopping streets are pedestrianised. Nobody complains that drivers are being stripped of an ancient right.

The same should be true in the countryside. If people with off-road cars or motorbikes want to test their skills in scaling hills or tackling ditches, they can pay to drive around special courses, which the private sector could doubtless provide. They have no inalienable right to disrupt the peace and destroy the paths of those who like to indulge in that most agreeable of pursuits, a quiet walk in the country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Playing fair with the Judas story

From Mr Hyam Maccoby

Sir, Daniel Johnson (television review, April 7) expresses surprise that I and others "gave their blessings" to the programme *Sorry, Judas* (Channel 4, April 6). This is far from being the case.

I was engaged as a consultant. I accepted that the programme would not be a straightforward documentary (which is what I proposed at first), but I was assured that it would be a serious artistic programme and would feature my views centrally.

During the first stages, I offered much advice, which, however, was rejected. In particular, I warned against gratuitous offensiveness to Christians. After a certain point, I was excluded from consultation.

I saw a tape of the programme in its developed form only a few days ago, when I expressed to the producer my anger both at the programme and my virtual exclusion from it.

I am very sorry that a number of scholars, including myself, were invited to Pinewood Studios, having been given the impression that a serious discussion of my book would take place. In the event, my book was not even mentioned. Nor did I or any of the other scholars participating have any idea of the true nature of the resultant programme.

The programme did contain some serious points, derived from my book, including the anti-Semitism associated with the figure of Judas and the role of Christian art in promoting hatred of the Jews. These points, however, were lost in a general incoherence, with the result that little in the end was done to advance an understanding of the role of Judas Iscariot.

I object particularly to the last quarter-hour of the production, which presents Judas alternately (and inconsistently) as Judas of the Holy Betrayal and as a diabolist.

These latter concepts have little to do with the thesis contained in my *Judas Iscariot and the Myth of Jewish Evil*, which is that Judas never betrayed Jesus and that the story of his treachery (which I argue, *pace* Daniel Johnson, was unknown to Paul) arose through a mythological necessity after Jesus's death.

Yours faithfully,
HYAM MACCOBY,
Leo Baeck College,
Manor House, East End Road, N3.
April 7.

From Bishop Hugh Montefiore and Rabbi Norman Soloman

Sir, Daniel Johnson writes that he is "surprised that proper scholars ... gave their blessings to this tasteless travesty". In fact we were set up.

Twelve people were invited to discuss Judas Iscariot in the light of Hyam Maccoby's book for a film. They were not told the format of the film. They had no idea that they were taking part in what your reviewer calls "an unfunny confection ... calculated to offend practising Christians".

Your headline is very apt: "Betraying our expectations of good faith."

Yours faithfully,
†HUGH MONTEFIORE,
NORMAN SOLOMAN,
White Lodge, 23 Bellevue Road,
Wandsworth Common, SW17.
April 8.

From Mr Sidney Sugarman

Sir, John Gross ("Judas was a good guy after all", April 6) cites Borges's story of the theologian who maintains that "Judas rather than Jesus was the Son of God" and proceeds to warn us of "the dangers that still lurk in the legend". I wonder whether he is familiar with the apocryphal Gospel of Barnabas, which teaches that it was Judas rather than Jesus who was crucified:

God having permitted that traitor to appear so like his master, in the eyes of the Jews, that they took him and delivered him to Pilate (Sales translation).

That this belief is recorded in both the third and fourth chapters of the Koran suggests not only that the prophet had some knowledge of the Barnabas forgery but also that, in Gross's words, "Old myths can be reactivated".

Yours faithfully,
SIDNEY SUGARMAN,
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Branksome Park, Poole, Dorset.
April 6.

Out of order

From Mr Henry Hely-Hutchinson

Sir, Parking meters in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea state: "No parking at out of order meter." The council tells me that, prior to this regulation, meters were vandalised and revenue lost.

It seems to me that this regulation is not the appropriate reaction: better-quality meters, better supervision and pay-and-display are some of the options to be preferred to the denial of dedicated parking spaces for other than pressing traffic considerations.

Now I learn that Westminster City Council is about to introduce the same regulation. How can we stop it?

Yours faithfully,
HENRY HELY-HUTCHINSON,
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Cundy Street, SW1.
April 6.

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Community care, council tax and cost to charities

From Lord Rix, Chairman of Mencap

Sir, Dr Vallance-Owen (letter, April 5) argues for national standards of good practice in community care.

We have just had a new booklet from the Social Services Inspectorate providing some very useful "Guidance on Standards for Short-term Breaks". An earlier volume deals with guidance on residential services for people with learning disabilities. Local services are producing their own quality standards, some of them excellent.

But all this lacks the force of government insistence on national standards. Governments are often accused of being all too ready to interfere in the affairs of local authorities. We wish that the same accusation could be levelled on this occasion, when the fate of our most vulnerable citizens is at stake.

Yours etc.
BRIAN RIX,
Chairman, Mencap,
123 Golden Lane, EC1.
April 7.

From the Chairman of the Charities' Tax Reform Group

Sir, Robin Squire, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, argues (letter, April 5) that the charities' case against the council tax is overstated, that the costs to charities will be low, and that there is no reason to exempt some residents simply because their landlord is a charity.

Such arguments ignore the fact, as stated by Simon Hardwick (letter, April 1), that the principle of exempting charities and of granting partial or total relief will have been breached at the very time when demands on charity resources are increasingly stretched.

Curiously, non-residential charitable buildings remain eligible for business-rate reliefs, yet there are now no reliefs for the very buildings in which, every day, residential-care charities carry on their central purpose of providing care.

True, transitional reliefs apply at present. However, after 1994-5, when these reliefs are reviewed, charities will face sharply increased — and unknown — costs.

People receiving care in residential homes are not counted for the personal element of the tax. Such residents are not directly liable for the council tax so it is difficult to see how they can personally benefit from tax reliefs. Furthermore, given the high proportion of residents who are on income support, how could they find the money to pay the tax?

The charity as "landlord" is liable for the property element of the tax. Its choices are stark: it can pay the additional cost or it can seek to pass on the cost to its elderly or disabled residents.

The role played by charities is not merely that of landlord. Charities are actively co-operating with the government to provide true care in the community. Whilst it is true that the cost to the largest homes will be limited to three times the cost of the smallest, it is also true that charities which provide small-scale, "homely" accommodation in keeping with community-care principles will be faced with disproportionally high bills.

The structure of this tax discourages the creation of the small units favoured by care in the community. Charities simply wish to devote their resources to the central task of caring.

Yours sincerely,
ADRIAN J. L. RANDALL,
Chairman, Charities' Tax Reform Group,
12 Little College Street, SW1.
April 6.

From Ms Jill Pitkeathley

Sir, In spite of the interest shown in the new community-care arrangements, which came into force on April 1, most people do not think about such care until faced with the need for it. They still assume that residential care of a reasonable standard and in their area will be available, either through the health service or the local authority, when they need it.

Here at Carers National Association we have a huge number of calls from relatives or friends who are astonished, angry and disillusioned to find that this was not the case before April 1 and will be even less so now.

These carers are often at the end of their tether because they have been providing care, willingly for the most part, for years, comforted by the thought of the back-up which they expect to be available when they finally admit they can cope no longer.

It is depressing to have to tell them that choice about care in our society is largely governed by how much money you have.

The spirit of the new community-care legislation is about extending choice for both users and carers, but rationing seems inevitable, given the constraints on expenditure at both local and national level.

Carers and users should have a right to a say in making decisions about their needs, but if this is to be a reality, society has to give caring a higher priority.

Almost everyone will have need of community care at some time in their lives, just as almost everyone will have caring responsibilities. It is up to all of us to ensure that we monitor what is happening.

Yours truly,
JILL PITKEATHLEY (Director),
Carers National Association,
29 Chilworth Mews, W2.

From Mrs Brenda Thain

Sir, Frank Field, MP, writes ("Capping the cost of care", April 1) that "Hundreds and thousands of people have opted for residential care, many of whom could have stayed in their own homes if they had been offered extra support".

In 1988, at the height of the housing boom, I helped my mother aged 78 buy a small one-bedroomed house close by. Within three years she was finding it hard to cope.

No assistance was available from the social services or the health service in the form of health visitors or district nurses. I was advised either to care for her myself or sell her house and put her into care. I work full-time and have my own home and a teenage family to look after.

We sold my mother's house at the lowest ebb of the housing slump, losing approximately 15 per cent on the original price. Her capital is being spent on residential care at the rate of £975 a month, reviewed and raised annually, and as soon as it is spent, within the next three years, she will once again become a charge on the state.

Ironically, the care she now receives will probably ensure she will live many years longer than would otherwise have been the case, with a diminishing quality of life.

I did not understand the system or its logic then, and I still do not today.

Yours faithfully,
BRENDA THAIN,
45 Cunningham Avenue,
Guildford, Surrey.

Church finances

From Miss Louise McCann

Sir, I must admit I felt somewhat self-righteous when I put in my Lent box this morning £2 which I had saved over the last week from giving up, inter alia, my daily Kit-Kat.

It seemed pathetic when I read later Ruth Gledhill's report (April 1) that the Church Commissioners had lost £500 million in investment "mistakes", overseen by Sir Douglas Lovelock.

Sir Douglas then had the gall to expect worshippers to give each week an extra 50p, an increase from an average of £2.50.

Many of us on very low incomes (I am a full-time student) already give as much as we can afford and find that sort of comment very distasteful.

I am sure none of us would mind if it were to help less well-off or persecuted Christians, but to help him out of a short-sighted and foolhardy venture is just not acceptable. We do not expect our Church to indulge in greedy speculative investments when there are many safe alternatives, albeit with lower returns.

It was thoroughly disquieting to read further that the appointment of Sir Michael Colman, Sir Douglas's successor, is, in his own words, "a bit of an experiment". Isn't it time the Church stopped experimenting and behaved a bit more responsibly, as it is always urging politicians and society in general to do?

Yours faithfully,
LOUISE McCANN,
Park Grange, Bramshall,
Uttoxeter, Staffordshire.
April 1.

From Prebendary Michael Bowles

Sir, Sir Douglas Lovelock says that an extra 50p a week would solve the present financial difficulties of the Church.

His remarks will not assist this parish, in which the contribution to the diocesan common fund amounts to an average of £5.28 per member each week. This is before any parish expenditure (even heating and lighting the church) or giving to missions and charities.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BOWLES,
The Rectory,
Great Stanmore, Middlesex.

Marriage and taxes

From Mr Henry Toch

Sir, Julian Hafner (article, March 31) makes a good case for "the end of marriage" from the point of view of a psychiatrist. May I draw attention to the financial aspects involved. The royal commission on income tax stated in 1955:

We see in the existing rule [that the wife's income is treated as belonging to the husband] nothing that embodies an outmoded or unworthy conception of the relations of man and woman in marriage ... It does appear to us ... that marriage creates a social unit which is not truly analogous with other associations involving some measure of joint living expenses ...

Since 1955 the situation has changed dramatically. By the year 2001, Social Trends projects that women will account for 45 per cent of the workforce. Since April 1991 married women have independent taxation of income, which has removed the last tax disadvantage for married women.

There are still tax advantages: the married couple's allowance of £1,720, worth £430 or £688 for most married taxpayers in 1993-4; and no inheritance tax on estates left to a spouse.

In addition, most occupational pension schemes provide for the widow (although few provide for widowers) but not for the surviving partner, and divorce law favours the ex-wife. So one can see that there is still a lot to be said for the old-fashioned idea that women should seek marriage.

I admit that my view is biased. I have been happily married 35 years and as a result enjoy financial security and a decent standard of living.

Yours faithfully,
H. TOCH (tax consultant),
Candida, 49 Hawkshead Lane,
North Mymms, Hatfield,
Hertfordshire.
March 31.

HIV research

From Dr Hugh J. Field

Sir, Those who are aware that they are infected with HIV will receive the news (report, April 2) that AZT may not delay the onset of Aids as a depressing blow. Even if this study is substantiated, I believe, however, there are reasons for optimism.

There is no doubt that AZT is a powerful inhibitor of HIV replication and this drug will continue to alleviate suffering.

There remains plenty of scope for further progress with how it may best be administered, for example with more precise targeting to infected cells at appropriate stages of the infection and its use in combination with alternative drugs or vaccines.

Many other inhibitors of HIV have already been discovered and several are undergoing trials in man. What are the factors which limit the success of such drugs? Hundreds of laboratories are currently addressing this question; and answers will be found.

It will become steadily easier to understand and interpret the results of clinical trials and this in turn will enable the design of better forms of treatment or prevention.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH J. FIELD (Editor-in-Chief),
International Antiviral News,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Veterinary Medicine,
Madingley Road, Cambridge.
April 2.

Short and to the point

From Mr Peter Beazley, MEP for Bedfordshire South (European People's Party (Conservative))

Sir, If brevity is the soul of wit should it not also be the essence of modern parliamentary speeches? The rapporteur for a complex piece of legislation presenting the European Parliament's report to the Commission, the Council and the House is limited to five minutes.

It is remarkable when speaking at normal speed how much essential complex detail can be covered in that time. Other speakers from the floor normally receive between one and two minutes.

When their time is up the president hammers and calls the speaker to finish. He disconnects the microphone after ten extra seconds and calls the next speaker.

If a Parliament speaking in nine different languages, dealing essentially with complex legislation, can start promptly at 9am and finish at 8pm, with midnight on Wednesdays, is this not a discipline to be followed elsewhere?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BEAZLEY,
Rest Harrow, 14 The Combe,
Ration, Eastbourne, East Sussex.
March 31.

Instructing children

From Mr John Bartlett

Sir, Your assertion (leading article, April 7) that "Many British adults can remember a time when instructing children in standards of right and wrong was an accepted task of schooling" may be correct. How much better, though, if more adults were to remember when it was an accepted duty of parenting?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BARTLETT,
105 Leeds Road,
Rawdon, Leeds, West Yorkshire.
April 7.

Getting even

From Mrs E. A. G. Crossley Cooke

Sir, In the announcement of newly appointed QCs (April 8) men have their full names listed and women the addition of Miss and Mrs. On your sports pages, unlike men, professional female jockeys always have their first names in full.

If equal opportunities exist in such professions surely there should be consistency in producing basic lists of names?

Yours faithfully,
ELSPETH CROSSLEY COOKE,
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Faringdon, Oxfordshire.
April 8.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 8: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Bridgwater Station this morning and were received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Colonel Walter Luttrell).

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness drove to Wells Cathedral and were received by the Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Rt Rev James Thompson) and the Dean of Wells (the Very Rev Richard Lewis).

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh attended the Maundy Service at which Her Majesty distributed the Royal Maundy.

The Bishop of St Albans (the Rt Rev John Taylor, Lord High Almoner) and the Rev William Booth (Sub-Almoner) were present.

The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on duty.

Afterwards Her Majesty and His Royal Highness attended a Reception in the Bishop's Palace before walking to the Town Hall where The Queen honoured the Mayor of Wells (Mr Alan Hague) with her presence at Luncheon.

The Duchess of Grafton, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 8: The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, today attended the UK Youth Championships, Bala Sailing Club, Gwynedd, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Meuric Rees).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 8: The Duchess of Kent this morning visited Selsey Lifeboat Station, Selsey, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex (His Grace The Duke of Richmond and Gordon).

Her Royal Highness this afternoon visited Portsmouth Lifeboat Station, Portsmouth, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt) and later visited Hayling Island Lifeboat Station, Hayling Island, Portsmouth.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Mr Severiano Ballesteros, golfer, 36; Lord Justice Simon Brown, 56; Sir Brian Cubbon, civil servant, 65; Lord Deramore, 82; the Most Rev Domenico Enrici, former Apostolic Nuncio, 84; Mr Robson Fisher, former headmaster, Bryanston School, 72; Lord Fitt, 67; Senator J. William Fulbright, American politician, 88; Miss Hannah Gordon, actress, 52; Sir Hew Hamilton-Dalrymple, Lord-Lieutenant of East Lothian, 67; Mr Roger Harrison, chairman, Toynbee Hall, 60; Sir Graham Hills, former principal and vice-chancellor, Strathclyde University, 67.

Mr Tom Jackson, trades unionist, 68; Mr Alan Knott, cricketer, 47; Mr Tom Lehrer, lecturer and songwriter, 65; Mr Peter Moores, former chairman, Littlewoods Organization, 61; Mr Vincent O'Brien, racehorse trainer, 76; Sir Michael Ogden, QC, 67; Sir Michael Palliser, former Head of the Diplomatic Service, 71; Mr Carl Perkins, rock singer and guitarist, 61; Mr Eli Prins, art historian, 89; Sir Michael Richardson, chairman, Smith Newcourt, 68; Mr Martin Rogers, former chief master, King Edward's School, Birmingham, 62; Miss Valerie Singleton, broadcaster, 56; Mr Michael Somare, CH, first Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, 57; Mr Glenn F. Tilton, chairman, Texaco, 45; Professor D.M. Walker, QC, 73; Mr Frank Yardley, racehorse trainer, 50; Miss Frieda Young, diplomat, 80; Sir Richard Young, former chairman, Boosey and Hawkes, 79.

Memorial services

The Count of Barcelona
A Memorial Service for Don Juan de Borbón y Battenberg, Count of Barcelona, will be held at St James's Church, Spanish Place, London, W1, on Friday, April 16, at 11am.

Sir Sidney Nolan
A memorial service for Sir Sidney Nolan, OM, AC, CBE, RA, will be held at 11am on Thursday, April 22 at St James's Church, Piccadilly, London, W1.

Appointments

Mr Walter Jones to be headmaster of the Royal Grammar School, Worcester, on the retirement of Mr T.E. Savage in September. Mr Jones, 43, has been second master at King's School, Bruton, Somerset, since 1987.

Colonel Brian Andrew Kay to be a Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London.

Institute of Biology

The following have been elected to Fellowship and are permitted to use the designatory letters CBiol FIBiol:

Dr J.M. Allen, Dr S. Blackmore, Dr J. Feltwell, Professor F.L. Frye, Professor N. Maclean, Dr R. Mitchell, Dr D.A. Morris.

Today's royal engagement

The Duchess of Kent will attend a service in the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula within HM Tower of London at 6.50.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: James Scott, Duke of Monmouth, illegitimate son of King Charles II, Rotterdam, 1649; Isambard Kingdom Brunel, engineer, Portsmouth, 1806; Sir Henry Rawlinson, orientalist, Chadlington, 1810; Charles Baudelaire, poet, Paris, 1821; Eadweard Muybridge, photographer and pioneer of the study of animal locomotion, Kingston-on-Thames, 1830; Erich von Ludendorff, German World War I general, Posen, 1865; John Watson, Australia's first Labour prime minister, Valparaiso, Chile, 1867; Léon Blum, Premier of France 1936-37 and 1938, Paris, 1872; Paul Robeson, singer and actor, Princeton, New Jersey, 1898; Hugh Gaitskell, leader of the Labour party 1955-63, London, 1906; Sir Robert Helpmann, ballet dancer and choreographer, Mount Gambia, South Australia, 1909.

DEATHS: King Edward IV, reigned 1461-70 and 1471-83, London, 1483; Lorenzo de Medici (The Magnificent), Careggi, Italy, 1492; François Rabelais, writer and physician, Paris, 1553; Francis Bacon, Viscount St Albans, Lord Chancellor 1618-21, London, 1626; William Prout, chemist, London, 1850; John Howard Payne, actor and dramatist, Tunis, 1852; Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Pre-Raphaelite poet and painter, Birchington-on-Sea, Kent, 1882; Francis Marion Crawford, novelist, Sorrento, 1909; Edward Thomas, poet, killed in action, Arras, 1917; Mrs Patrick Campbell, actress, Pau, France, 1940; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Protestant theologian, executed by Nazis, Flösenberg, 1945; Frank Lloyd Wright, architect, Phoenix, Arizona, 1959.

General Robert E. Lee capitulated to General Grant at Appomattax Court House, Virginia, 1865.

Germany invaded Denmark and Norway, 1940.

'Clutching a Maundy posy never embarrassed the Duke'

The Queen's nosegays are all in a night's work

By John Young

VALERIE Bennett-Levy has a special distinction. She is the official nosegay supplier to the Queen.

She and her team of neat-fingered helpers, who include her grown-up children, sat down on Wednesday night in a room at the Swan Inn at Wells, Somerset, at 9.30 precisely and began to make 12 intricate scented posies from fresh flowers and herbs.

These were for yesterday's Royal Maundy money distribution by the Queen with the Maundy service being held this year at Wells Cathedral just across the street from the Swan.

"It will take us until 3.00 in the morning to finish. We daren't have a relaxing drink because it would spoil our work," said Mrs Bennett-Levy, who has been making the Maundy nosegays for 34 years.

In bygone days it was believed that the fragrant posies warded off infectious diseases. They were presented to the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and a small band of dignitaries and four young children. "Prince Philip always manages not to look embarrassed clutching his posy," Mrs Bennett-Levy said with a smile.

By the front door of her charming 18th-century cottage on Shepherd's Hill at Haslemere, Surrey, is displayed the royal warrant lion and unicorn crest in solid rought iron.

Underneath is the proud inscription:

By appointment to Her Majesty the Queen
Supplier of nosegays

JULIAN HERBERT



Proud producer: Mrs Bennett-Levy with one of this year's 12 scented nosegays

Enlightened Greeks slid into darkened poverty

By Philip Howard

THERE were heroes before Agamemnon. But they have vanished into the black hole of pre-history because they had no epic poet to tell their story.

But now the pre-historians and palaeo-archaeologists are rediscovering them. And they appear to have been more human than the larger than life heroes. At the annual meeting of the Classical Association at Durham yesterday, Dr Oliver Dickinson of Durham took an up-to-date look at the Greek Bronze Age. It now emerges as less catastrophic and more evolutionary than it was supposed to have been by the Greeks and modern scholars until recently.

This first Greek world is seen as developing slowly from trade and competition rather than through the melodramatic foundation legends, and series of invading hordes, cataclysmic earthquakes and eruptions, and heroic wars. Who could be bothered to invade such a poor country as Greece anyway? This was a world that ran on donkeys, which have always been more important than horses because they have been the basic load-carriers throughout Greece's history.

The Aegean may have been opened up by traders from Cyprus and the Levant, looking for metal, oil, wool and other commodities that Greece was beginning to produce.

The Minoan and Mycenean civilisations fell not from conquest but from recession and internal social stress caused by the need to produce more and more to stand still in the same place. The so-called palaces were converted to olive oil factories in a desperate attempt to boost export. The Bronze Age civilisations collapsed from economic depression rather than disaster.

And so it dwindled into a dark age of small, introverted settlements through recession and poverty but these dark age villages, reduced by poverty, are the true background to the Homeric epics rather than the golden days of Mycenae and Knossos. The new look upon the face of Agamemnon is of a bankrupt exporter rather than a warrior king.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.E.B. Cavell-Taylor and Miss S.E. Butterfield
The engagement is announced between Corry, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Taylor, of The Grange, Manton, Rutland, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Butterfield, of South Luffenham Hall, Rutland.

Mr D.R. Chidgey and Miss S.A.L. Lester
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs D.W.G. Chidgey, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.L. Lester, of Winchester.

Mr G.W. Holden and Miss C.E. Howlett
The engagement is announced between Giles William, son of Mr and Mrs William Holden, of Wyatt House, Harston, Cambridge, and Caroline Emily, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Gerald Howlett, of Pyes Farmhouse, Hounslow Green, Great Dunmow, Essex.

Mr C.E.A. Lacey and Miss A.J. Bottomley
The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Mr and Mrs Barry Lacey, of Purton, Wiltshire, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs William Bottomley, of Batley, West Yorkshire.

Mr I.S.M. Severa and Miss S.K.S. McDonnell
The engagement is announced between Igor, son of Mr and Mrs Stefan Severa, of London, and Sophie, youngest daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs S.J.F. McDonnell, of Chesterfield.

Major A.J. Tabor and Miss L.A. Stewart
The engagement is announced between Andrew Tabor, The Light Dragoons, younger son of Major General D.J.St M. Tabor, of Compton Abdale, Gloucestershire, and the late Hon Mrs Tabor, and Lindsay, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Stewart, of Penn, Buckinghamshire.

Church services tomorrow

Good Friday

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 9.30 Liturgy of the Cross, Responses (Sarum), Lamentation (Bairstow), Litany (Tallis), Passion (Tallis), Faithful Cross (King John of Portugal), Reproaches (Victoria); 12 Three Hours Devotion, The Bishop of Dover; 5.30 E, Crucifixus (Lotti), Responses (Sarum), Short Service (Tye), Tamquam ad latronem (Victoria).

CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 12 Liturgy, Christus factus est (Anerio), St John Passion (Victoria), Lamentations (Tallis); 1 An Hour at the Cross, Miserere (Allegri); 2 E, Responses (Byrd), Short Service (Byrd), Nolo mortem peccatoris (Morley); 5.30 E.

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8.15 Ante Communion; 8.45 MP; 12 The Three Hours Devotion; 5.15 EP; 7.45 The Good Friday Liturgy & Communion, Canon Peter Southwell Sander, Reproaches (Vittoria), Crux fidelis (King John IV of Portugal).

CHESTER CATHEDRAL: 9.15 MP (Lady Chapel); 10 Litany & Ante-Communion, The Litany, Daughters of Zion (Boyle), The Good Friday Gospel (Vittoria), Crux fidelis (King John IV of Portugal); 12 The Three Hours Devotion (inc. the Good Friday Liturgy at 12 noon); 5.15 EP (Lady Chapel); 7.30 Ecumenical Service.

COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 10.30 The Liturgy of Good Friday, The Reproaches, A Litany (Walton), Crucifixus (Lotti), Rev Barrie Hinksman; 12 The Litany of Reconciliation: Ruins; 12.40 Midday Prayer (Chapel of Unity); 5 EP; 7.30 Saint John Passion, Saint Michael's Chamber Choir, Orchestra da Camera.

DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP & Litany; 11 The Liturgy of Good Friday, The Passion according to St John (Victoria), Adoramus te, Christe (Palestrina), Missa orbis factor, Crux fidelis (King John IV of Portugal), Drop, drop, slow tears (Gibbons), Canon Coppin; 2 A Commemoration of the Passion of Jesus Christ; 5.15 EP; 6.15 United Service for the Durham Council of Churches, Rev Eric Westwood.

LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 7.45 MP; 8 Ante Communion; 10 Family Service; 11 Service in the Market Square, The Bishop of Leicester; 12-3 The Devotion led by the Very Rev Lawrence Jackson; 6.15 E.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 9.30 Litany & Ante-Communion, Litany (Tallis); Passion Gospel (Vittoria), Crux fidelis, King John of Portugal; 12 Three Hours Devotion, Rt Rev John Yates, Bishop of Lambeth; 3.45 Informal Hymn Singing; 5.15 E, Responses (plainsong), Tonus peregrinus and tone 1 with fauxbourdon (Byrd), Salvator mundi (Tallis); 7.30 Vigil (Morning Chapel).

LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 8.30 M; 9.15 Children's Service (Lady Chapel); 10.15 Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord, The Litany (Tallis), The Lamentation (Bairstow), The Passion of Our Lord according to St John (Victoria), The Reproaches (Palestrina); 12-3 The Three Hours Devotion, Rev R H Spencer; 6 E, Short Service (Farrant), Crux fidelis (King John IV of Portugal).

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC (Jesus Chapel); 12 The Service of Good Friday, O vos omnes (Vittoria), Crux fidelis (King John IV of Portugal), St John Passion (Vittoria), Reproaches (Beer), Canon Albert Radcliffe; 1.30 At the foot of the Cross, The Passion with hymns and silence, Canon Albert Radcliffe; 3.30 E; 7.30 Requiem Fauré, the Cathedral Choir.

TRURO CATHEDRAL: 9 M; 10 The Liturgy, The Reproaches (Sanders), 11.15 United Service; 12 Three Hours Devotion, The Bishop; 5 E, Responses, Fauxbourdons (Morley), Crucifixus etiam pro nobis (Lotti).

WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 Ante-Communion; 10 M, O vos omnes (Gesualdo), The Lamentation (Bairstow), The Short Service (Gibbons), Crucifixus etiam pro nobis (Lotti); 12 Three Hour Devotion, Archdeacon of Wells; 5.15 E; 5.45 Stations of the Cross; 7.30 The Bath Camerata, The Sacrifice (Tucapsky), Requiem (Fauré); 9.30 Compline in the Close Chapel.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 10 The Good Friday Liturgy Passion according to St John (Victoria); 12 Three Hours at the Cross, The Crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth (illuminated, dramatised and affirmed); 5 E, Farrant in A minor, O vos omnes (Casals).

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 8 MP; 10 The Office of Readings (broadcast live), eram quasi agnus (Victoria), Tamquam ad latronem (Victoria), Vinea mea (Poulenc), Christus factus est (Anerio), 3 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion, His Excellency The Cardinal, The Passion according to John (Byrd), Christus factus est (Bruckner), Crucifixus etiam pro nobis (Lotti), The Reproaches (Victoria), Tenebrae factae sunt (Poulenc), Stations of the Cross.

YORK MINSTER: 10 M & Ante-Communion, The Lamentation (Bairstow), Benedictus (Moore), In manus tuas (Tallis), Kyrie Missa Brevis (Leighton), St John Passion (Vittoria); 12 The Three Hours Devotion; 4 E, Fauxbourdons (Gibbons), Vinea mea electa (Poulenc); 7.30 United Act of Worship (York Council of Churches).

ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL, Clwyd: 12 noon, Meditation with hymns; 3 The Liturgy.

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8 Stations of the Cross; 10 Children's Stations; 3 Solemn liturgy led by the Archbishop; 7.30 Service round the Cross.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 10 M & Litany in Procession, The Lamentation (Bairstow), Miserere (Allegri), Litany (Tallis); 12 The Three Hours Devotion, 12-2 The Preaching of the Cross, Rt Rev Richard Chartres, Bishop of Stepney, 2-3 A Liturgy for Good Friday; 5 E, Magnificat (Tonus Peregrinus), Nunc dimittis, (Victoria), Very Rev Peter Moore, Dean of St Alban's.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 12-1 Devotional Hours; 1 Solemn Liturgy.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 10 Good Friday Family Service, Rev Preb Richard Bewes; 12-3 Three Hour Service of Meditation, Canon Keith Weston.

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev J. Schmidt.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 3 Crux fidelis (King John of Portugal), Popule meus (Vittoria), Caligaverunt oculi mei (Croce).

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11 Good Friday Service, Rev Stanley Hood.

HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 12 Three Hours Meditation, Preb John Collins; 7.30 Seven Last Words (Haydn), The Danel String Quartet with short meditations, Rev Sandy Millar.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10 Tenebrae, Responses (Victoria), Benedictus (Handl); 3 Liturgy, Turba choruses (St. John Passion/Byrd), Improperia (Victoria); 6.30 Stations of the Cross (Scuola di Chiesa).

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 10 Crucifixion (Victoria Street).

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 11.30 Distribution of the Butterworth Charity; 12 M, Litany (Tallis), & Ante-Communion, Lamentation (Bairstow), Passion according to St John (Victoria), Christus factus est (Anerio), Crux fidelis (King John of Portugal); 7 St John Passion (Bach).

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Pergolesi's Stabat Mater (Andrew Watts & Carys Lane), 12-1 The Witnesses, Canon John Oates; 1-2 Stainer's Crucifixion (St Bride's Choir); 2-3 The Crucified, Canon John Oates.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 HC, Rev John H McIndoe.

ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 3 Christus factus est (Anerio), St John Passion (Victoria), Crux fidelis (Clemens non papa), Christe adoramus te (Monteverdi), Caligaverunt oculi mei (Victoria).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 10 Litany & Ante-Communion; 2.30 Vespers & Passion according to St Matthew (Bach).

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 12-3 Three Hour Service.

ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 11 The Solemn Liturgy, Passion and Reproaches (Victoria); 2 E & Meditations, Rev Paul Conrad.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 10 The Good Friday Liturgy, Litany and Ministry of the World, Passion according to St John (Victoria); 11 Choral M & Sermon, Passion according to St John (Vittoria), Rev Dr Donald Gray; 12 Three Hours at the Cross, The Crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth (illuminated, dramatised and affirmed); 5 E.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 10.30 M, Organ: Herzlich athut mich verlanger (Bach); 12 Three Hours Devotion, The Reproaches (Sanders), Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (arr. Stringer), Organ: O Mensch, bewein' dein' Sünde gross (Bach).

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 12 noon Preaching of the Passion, Canon Gordon Reid; 2 Liturgy of Christ's Passion, Passion according to St John (Victoria), Crux fidelis (King John of Portugal), Civitas sancti (Byrd).

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 10 Liturgy of the Day; 12 Three Hours Devotion, Dr Tony Martin; 6.30 Stainer's Crucifixion.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 11 Ante-Communion & Veneration of the Cross, St John Passion (Ridgley-Whitehouse); 2 Stations of the Cross, Via Crucis (Liszt).

CHAPEL ROYAL, St. James's Palace: 12 noon, The Dean of Westminster.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 11 Ante-Communion & Reading of the Passion, Messe Basse (Fauré).

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 12 The Way of the Cross, Fr Christopher Lowe; 1.15 Solemn Liturgy, The St John Passion, The Reproaches (Victoria), Crux Fidelis (King John of Portugal).

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Lamentations (Bairstow), Ave Verum (Mozart), The Chaplain; 12 One Hour's Devotion, The Chaplain.

ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 The Litany.

THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 11.15 MP & Ante-Communion, Responses (Reading), Benedictus (Ireland in C), Darke in F, The Master, Organ: O Mensch, bewein' dein Sünde gross (Bach).

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: Services at Chelsea Barracks, SW1, 10.30 MP; 11 Good Friday Service.

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BUCHANAN - On February 26th, to Robin and Diana, a son, Iain James Tei-An, a brother for Rowan.

DALRYMPLE - On 8th April in Hong Kong to Bryony and Andrew, a son.

DENNISON - Verity (née Jones) and James are delighted to announce the birth of their son Peter James on 1st April 1993.

DONALDSON - On April 7th 1993, to Tessa (née Nurney) and Nicholas, a daughter, Clare Georgina, a sister for Hugo and Thomas.

GYDE - On March 30th at The West Suffolk Hospital, to Suzy and Nicolas, a son, Sebastian John, a brother for Louis Joseph.

JOHNSON - On April 5th at The Hospital of St John and St Elizabeth, St John's Wood, to Ellie and Roderick, a daughter, Joanna Charlotte, a sister for Georgina and Roland.

MARTIN - On 6th April, to Susan (née Lawrence) and William, a son, John Barclay, a brother for Laura and Polly.

ROSSO - On April 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Minnie (née Smith) and Paolo, a lovely boy, Marco, a brother for Christina and Samantha.

ROWE - On Tuesday 6th April 1993, to Abigail (née Locock) and Nicholas, a son, William George Lovell.

SMART - On March 31st, at The Portland Hospital, to Roma (née Shiach) and David, a beautiful daughter, Lucinda, a sister for Charlotte.

DEATHS

ALONSO - Gladys died peacefully Norbury Hospital 7th April. Funeral 20th April.

CRAIG - Dr. Eleanor Mary LRCP MRCS (née Carlaw), widow of Dr. Norman Craig, on Palm Sunday April 4th 1993 peacefully at home aged 91. A loving mother, grandmother and friend.

CRAVEN-SMITH-MILNES - On 7th April at Hockerton, Ralph Assheton in his 87th year. Funeral at Hockerton Church, 12 noon, followed by burial at Winkburn, Saturday 10th April.

CURTIS - Peacefully on April 4th at Brynfield Manor Nursing Home, Langland, Swansea, in her 97th year, Lady Curtis (Susan Phyllis) late of Palmyra Court, West Cross, Swansea. The wife of the late Sir George Harold Curtis C.B. Funeral Service on Wednesday April 14th at Swansea Crematorium at 2.30 pm. No flowers by request, but donations in lieu may be sent if so desired to Help the Aged c/o William Presdee Funeral Directors, 1/2 Stanley Street, Mumbles, Swansea. Enquiries (0792) 366613.

GEARY - Christopher John passed away 7th April aged 51. Beloved sons Patrick, Kevin, Peter and family. All enquiries to James Hawes Funeral Directors, 24 Cameron Road, Seven Kings, Ilford.

LEVITT - On April 8th, Dr. Lionel S Levitt, in his 92nd year, peacefully at home. A man of exceptional courage, compassion and love of life. He will be truly missed by his wife Kathleen, family and friends. A simple service will take place at Golders Green Crematorium on Sunday 11th April at 12 noon. No flowers. Any donations to charity of donor's choosing.

MACARTNEY-FILGATE - John. On April 6th. Beloved husband of Dorothy, son of Ethel Lady Sykes and the late Brian Macartney-Filgate and brother of Antonia Lanza d'Ajeta and Alexandra Pease. Funeral April 20th at Christ Church, West Wimbledon 1.45 pm and cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common Northside, SW4.

MANTOURA - On 30th March 1993 in Spain: Jacques Homer much loved and greatly missed husband of Leila, father of Patricia, Fawzi, Theo and Paul, and brother of Iris, Doris and Guy. A Requiem Mass will be held in The Brompton Oratory, London SW7, at 11 am on Friday April 23rd. Condolences will be accepted at 110 Kensington Church Street, after 2 pm on Saturday 24th, Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th April.

MARSHALL - Tom Audley Hylton, lately living in Norwich died on 3rd April 1993 in Surrey. Husband to Mary and father to Robert and Jeremy. Funeral on Tuesday. (0572) 749993.

POLTURAK - On April 6th 1993, Viva aged 71 years of Burnham-on-Crouch, peacefully at home. A Memorial Service will be held in St Mary's Church, Burnham-on-Crouch, Wednesday April 14th at 12.30 pm. Donations if desired to Farleigh Hospice, c/o Stammers Funeral Service, 11 Queen St, Southminster, CM0 7BB.

WEATHERILL - On Wednesday April 7th 1993, peacefully, Eva May, aged 86 years. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, White Waltham, on Wednesday April 14th 1993 at 10 am, followed by cremation at Easthampstead Park Crematorium, Bracknell, at 11 am.

ZANDER - On April 7th, Dr. Walter Zander, husband of the late Greti Magnus, father of Michael, Luke, Angelica and Ben. Died peacefully in his sleep aged 94 at Crohamleigh, South Croydon. Funeral private.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ZUCKERMAN - A Service of Thanksgiving in memory of the life and work of Lord Zuckerman will be held at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, 28 St John's Wood Road, NW8, at 12 noon on Wednesday 5th May 1993.

IN MEMORIAM – WAR

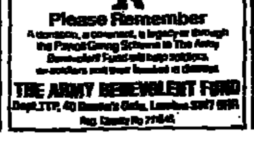
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MARIAN ANDERSON

Marian Anderson, American contralto and the first black singer to appear at the Metropolitan Opera, New York, died in Portland, Oregon, yesterday aged 96. She was born in Philadelphia on February 17, 1897.



THE life of Marian Anderson is not merely the story of a successful concert and opera singer, eminent though she was in those fields, in her day. It is also the story of a struggle against poverty and racial prejudice to earn for her vocal gifts their due. For years in her own country this prejudice denied her the rewards of her artistry, long after she had been hailed in Europe as a great voice. When she was finally admitted to the Metropolitan Opera in 1955 it was, in reality, almost too late. She was by then in her late fifties and getting past her peak. Nevertheless by that time, through her conduct and her singing she had established a place for herself in the struggle for civil rights in America. Her concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington on Easter Sunday 1939 is a landmark in the history of the movement.

Marian Anderson was the daughter of a Pennsylvania coal and ice dealer. While still of tender years she displayed astonishing precocity and versatility as a singer. She was singing before the age of three and at six was in the choir of the local Baptist chapel, where she went on to sing in the soprano, contralto and tenor ranges. At a religious concert when she was in her early teens, she was heard by the famous black tenor Roland Hayes, who was impressed by her singing and gave her name to concert promoters. As a result she was asked to appear in oratorio performances and began to specialise in Bach.

She was refused entrance to a Philadelphia music academy on racial grounds: "We don't take coloured," she was told brusquely. But she received much encouragement and financial support from well-wishers and family friends, who dipped into their none too well stocked purses to raise money to help with her musical education. She went to New York where she studied with Giuseppe Boghetti. While still Boghetti's pupil she began giving successful recitals in the New York area. She then participated in a competition to sing with the New York Philharmonic and won the prize against 300 other entrants. As a result she appeared with the orchestra at the Lewisohn Stadium in 1925.

In any normal circumstances such an occurrence would have marked the lift-off point in a singer's career. It was not to be so for Anderson. Though well received by the critics she found herself obstructed by racial prejudice at every level. In travelling about the country on a recital career she found doors shut against her and hotel accommodation difficult to obtain.

In 1927, at thirty, she decided to try her luck in Europe and found a completely different reception awaiting her. She was lionised in Britain, the Soviet Union, Scandinavia, Austria and Germany. In London she sang with Henry Wood at the Wigmore Hall. She gave royal command performances for the kings of Denmark and Sweden. In Helsinki she sang for Sibelius who was so moved that he dedicated his work "Solitude" to her. When she gave a recital in the ballroom of a Salzburg hotel Toscanini, who was among the audience, went backstage in the interval and told the nervous singer: "What I have heard today one is privileged to listen to once in a hundred years."

She had offers to appear in opera in Europe (one from Stanislavsky to sing the role of Carmen in the Soviet Union) but she refused them because she lacked confidence in her own acting ability. Although she often sang operatic arias at her concerts — "Softly awakes my Heart" from Saint-Saëns's *Samson et Dalila* became one of her most popular records — *Lieder and spirituals* remained her favourites.

Sol Hurok, the famous impresario, heard her in Paris in the early 1930s, put her under contract and went on to promote her in the US, where at last she seemed to be on the verge of becoming a big name. In 1935 she sang at New York Town Hall and her reputation thereafter began to burgeon. On the occasion of a visit to Washington by King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1939 she was invited to sing at the White House, an event which helped project her public image. However, the Daughters of the American Revolution were not to be moved even by these marks of official approval.

When she was engaged to sing a concert at Washington's Constitution Hall, the organisation, which owned the building, refused to let her sing there because of her colour. It was a piece of racial discrimination which in fact rebounded on them and provided Marian Anderson with an opportunity to strike a blow for civil rights in America. Outraged at the behaviour of the Daughters, Eleanor Roosevelt arranged for Anderson to sing at the Lincoln Memorial on Easter Day 1939, a date which has gone down in the annals of the struggle for equal rights for blacks in America. Before an audience of 75,000, the largest public tribute since the return home of Charles Lindbergh after his solo transatlantic flight in 1927, she sang a programme which included "America", Schubert's "Ave Maria" and the spirituals "Gospel Train", "Trampin' " and "My Soul is Anchored in the Lord". When the final notes of her programme died away this vast crowd gave her an ovation.

After the war she continued her successful concert career. In 1953 she became the first black to perform at the Japanese imperial court in the 2,000 years of its history. Then, finally, on January 7, 1955, the Metropolitan, through Sir Rudolf Bing's efforts, opened its doors to her, and she sang Ulrica in *Un Ballo in Maschera*. In truth, her rendering was not of her best. Not only was her voice not quite what it had been but, as she later admitted, she was so overcome emotionally by the reception she received when she stepped on stage that she could hardly focus some of the notes as she would have wished. Nevertheless this landmark in American opera history was received with rapturous acclaim by the Met audience.

Marian Anderson gave her farewell concert at the Carnegie Hall, on April 18, 1965, symbolically, another Easter Sunday. It was understandably a moving occasion, for here was the artist who more than any other broke down the barriers of racial prejudice in operatic and concert singing in the US, and thus enabled later generations of black singers: Leontyne Price, Grace Bumbry, Jessye Norman and more recently Kathleen Battle and Cynthia Haymon to emerge and establish themselves of right in the opera field. Marian Anderson's voice was a rich, true, vibrant contralto of great intrinsic beauty. She used it expressively in the wide variety of music she sang. At her recitals her warm personality won all hearts. In her autiobiography *My Lord, What a Morning* (1956) she described her life thus: "My mission is to leave behind me a kind of impression that will make it easier for those who follow". Indeed it was more by her example than through anything she said that she was able to make this aim effective.

She married, in 1943, the architect Orpheus H. Fisher. He died in 1985. There were no children.

CLAUDE GILL

Claude Gill, OBE, founder of the Claude Gill bookshops group, died on March 31 aged 90. He was born on October 8, 1902.

CLAUDE Stuart Gill was born into a family of booksellers — the then well known textbook publishers, George Gill & Sons, but initially the profession had not appealed to him. Instead, as a young man, he had decided to go to sea and had joined the Merchant Navy, working on tankers and becoming an expert navigator.

His first bookselling job was at Foyle's where he was quickly promoted to manager of the technical and scientific department, thus acquiring an extensive knowledge of this specialised branch of the trade.

He returned to the sea during the second world war, serving in the Royal Navy, first as a navigational instructor. Later his expertise was put to good use as one of the planning staff for the D-Day landings. Gill was responsible for convoy routing during the operation and was appointed OBE for his services.

After the war the owners of the Cleaver-Hume group of correspondence colleges, who had previously known him as customers at Foyle's conceived the idea of a bookshop devoted to selling textbooks, then much in demand by returning servicemen who wanted to study a technical trade. They asked Claude Gill to take charge of this, and under the curious name of "Books and Careers" (soon changed to Claude Gill Books) this opened in South Audley Street, London. It was a great success and soon moved to larger premises at the Marble Arch end of Oxford Street.

This became in a few years one of London's largest bookshops, with general bookselling added to its large scientific and technical department. Gill was an intensely practical man, and took an active hand in the running of the business, with expert and meticulous planning of three moves of premises in Oxford Street in the early 1960s. During his administration Claude Gill Books became one of the most admired London bookshops. Gill was particularly proud of the list of important government and industrial libraries served by its mail order department.

His retirement in 1967 was marked by a lunch at the Savoy Hotel, chaired by Sir Stanley Unwin of Allen & Unwin and attended by most of the leading book trade personalities. His retirement was spent at a delightful thatched cottage in Hampshire, where he made full use of his do-it-yourself skills and where he and his wife spent much time in their lovely garden. He was a kind, modest and humorous man, who will be remembered with great affection by all who worked with him.

He married in 1934 Madeline Marshall who died in 1985; they had one daughter.

TERRY PRICE

Terry Price, Welsh international Rugby Union player, died in a road accident in Oxfordshire on April 7 aged 47. He was born in Hendy, West Wales, on July 16, 1945.



TERENCE Graham Price, who enjoyed a meteoric career in rugby in the 1960s,, made a startling impact even as a student at Llanelli Grammar School. His talent was so evident that Llanelli chose to play him on the wing against the touring 1963 New Zealanders, and the schoolboy accidentally broke the jaw of Waka Nathan, the All Blacks flanker. A year after playing in schools internationals, he won his first senior cap at full back for Wales, as a student at Leicester University, aged 19. It was the first of eight caps between 1965l and 1967, and in 1966, Price was called into the British Isles touring party to New Zealand as a replacement.

A powerfully built man, at 6ft 1in, and over 15 stone, Price was also a talented goal kicker, but suffered from weight problems and could not live up to his early promise. He opted for Rugby League with Bradford Northern in 1967, for a signing-on fee of £8,000, and won five international caps at that code as well as making one appearance for Great Britain during the 1970 tour to Australasia.

However, he suffered from knee problems, and only last month underwent an operation so that he could continue playing club cricket in West Wales, where he returned after his rugby career ended. He was reinstated as an amateur in 1990 by the International Rugby Football Board, and last season was team manager to the Hendy Rugby Club. He worked with a plastics company in Pontardulais, and leaves two sons and a daughter.

DIETER PLAGE

Dieter Plage, wildlife cameraman, died in an airship accident while filming above the Sumatran rainforest for Anglia Television's *Survival* series, on April 3 aged 56. He was born in Germany on May 14, 1936.

THERE ARE perhaps half a dozen wildlife cameramen of Dieter Plage's stature in the world. Most are loners, locked away in their total concern for the natural world. Dieter Plage was an exception. He liked people as much, perhaps even more, than animals. He loved sport, films, particularly Westerns. Unlike some of his kind, he was never out of touch with the world. He was keenly interested in international politics. In Indian jungle or African savannah not a day went by without him tuning into the BBC World Service. In some strange way, his films which included classics like *Gorilla, Tiger, Tiger* and *Orangutan* and *Orphans of the Forest* benefited from the approach that his rounded interest in life gave him.

Dieter Plage was brought up in Darmstadt, Germany. He owed a lot to his parents, to his mother who rescued her family from the advancing Russians at the close of the second world war by escaping with him at night across frozen rivers. From his father, radio officer on the luxury liner *Bremen*, he inherited his love of technology, especially electronics and cameras.

He joined the unique *Survival* team of wildlife film makers 25 years ago. In his first film about the capture of oryx in the Namib desert of South West Africa, he immediately showed his two great gifts as a wildlife cameraman: the ability to capture action and a poet's eye at the viewfinder. Plage put his signature on the images of the great black and white antelope racing across the red 1,000ft dunes of the Namib as surely as the bushmen put theirs on their cave paintings.

Except when temporarily depressed about a shot that had gone wrong or a technical fault that had ruined a roll of film, Plage, a large handsome man with enthusiasm and a sense of humour to match, was the most excellent company. Whenever a "*Survival* producer" had to show the rough-cut of a film of which he was not entirely confident, he would make sure that, if Dieter Plage was in town, he was in the front row of the viewing theatre. Plage's enthusiasm for other people's work as well as his own often convinced a critical audience that they had watched something if not actually wonderful then at least very promising.

In his own work he would try any device to get a unique camera viewpoint. When making a film about the great white pelicans on Lake Shala in Ethiopia he came up with the idea of putting the camera inside a floating dummy pelican to shoot close ups of the birds on the water. He borrowed a stuffed pelican from Addis Ababa University, hollowed it out and mounted it in an inflated innertube. The ruse was so successful that young pelicans tried to be fed by the camera lense. Not so successful was the effect of the soda lake on Plage's body. After 50 hours in the water it had removed most of his skin.

Not all of Plage's gimmicks were so successful. A camera mounted in a remote-controlled model plane scared away the African fish eagles with whom it was intended to fly. In the Galapagos Islands he was only just dissuaded from placing a camera inside a "bomb" which he would drop from his microlite aircraft to imitate the descent of a blue-footed booby diving to catch fish. Enough of Plage's inventions did work, however, to produce unique footage.



On location for Anglia's *Survival*: Dieter Plage with his wife, Mary

Despite popular belief, wildlife cameramen do not take stupid risks with wild animals. They know too much about an elephant's or tiger's behaviour to do so. Nevertheless, they all have their bad moments. Perhaps Plage had more than most because of his constant and successful desire to film action. Some incidents you cannot foresee and can do nothing about, such as finding yourself sharing your hide with a 6ft green mamba. You can only sit still as Plage did and hope it will move on. Nor can you tell when the volcano will erupt without warning. Plage had been filming from the crater lip the day before the Anak Krakatoa errupted, rolling rocks the size of cottages down past the camp he shared with his intrepid wife, assistant and stills photographer Mary.

Some risks, however, have to be taken. In thick jungle in Sri Lanka when filming the darting of a herd of badly wounded elephants he was run down by a bull. One huge foot tore his shirt but a camera kept running, giving a shot of the animals belly looming above.

Dieter Plage was an accomplished light aircraft pilot with many hours of flying in Africa, Nepal and even the Himalayas. It is ironic that he died in a freak aerial accident. It has been said that he was making his first flight in the one-man pedal-driven airship from which he fell. In fact, he had already spent many hours learning to fly it and had begun successfully filming life in the upper levels of the rainforest.

Jerry Sage

JERRY SAGE, the second world war prisoner of war portrayed by Steve McQueen in the film *The Great Escape* died on March 26 aged 75.

During his captivity in a German PoW camp, Sage helped work for 15 months on the huge, three-tunnel escape project that formed the plot for the film and his book, *Sage*.

A native of Victoria, British Columbia, he said he earned the nickname "Cooler King" because he was placed in solitary confinement 15 times in the German prison camp.

"Each time I was placed in confinement, I would report back to the Lord were I was," he said in a speech several years ago. "By getting closer with the Lord, things got better and better. Each time I would try to escape I got further and further away."

In the film, McQueen whiled away time in solitary with a baseball glove and ball.

After numerous breakout attempts, Sage, who worked for the U. S. Office of Strategic Service, made his final escape across Poland after being a PoW for more than three years.

Sage closed his book with this epilogue: "Helping my fellowman in this great country seems to be the best possible way of showing my gratitude."

Sage spent more than 30 years in the Army before retiring in 1972. He later taught in Columbia, S. C., and served as an assistant to the president of the University of South Carolina.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jon Sage, three daughters and two sons.

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It is conjectured [in *The Observer*] that the " Duchess of Kent, upon breaking up her establishment at Kensington, may have been desirous that the demands of her tradesmen should undergo the supervision of some nobleman or gentleman in whose intelligence and habits of business she reposed confidence ". There is no objection at all to this. If the Duchess of Kent had debts to be paid—a fact which unhappily has for years been notorious, and debts moreover not of her Royal husband's, but contracted in her own name, since his decease—nobody will assert that she could have resorted to a shrewder, more competent, or more upright man of business to superintend the management of such a proceeding than the noble Viscount at the head of the office of Woods and Forests. But what a *mauvaise plaisanterie* it is to talk of the payment of her Royal Highness's debts as a mere natural effect of the desire of her Royal Highness to discharge them; and what a piece of sheer effrontery it is to "declare that not one farthing of *public money* "was ever destined to such a purpose" (as the payment of the above debts)! Why, out of what fund have those debts been paid, we should like to know! Was it out of the regular income allotted years ago to the use of the Royal Duchess! Notoriously *not so*. It is notorious that the additional 8,000*l*. per annum granted lately as an increase to the previous income of the Duchess of Kent, which previous income amounted to no less a sum than 22,000*l*. per annum—it is, we say, notorious, and was so when the grant was proposed to Parliament, that the said 8,000*l*. a year was to furnish the materials out of which (by sale of annuity or otherwise) those debts would be, and could alone be, liquidated. By computation whispered about, the debts exceeded 80,000*l*.; and as for the conjectured inclination of her Royal Highness to place the discharge of them under the management of Lord Duncannon, we, too, may be allowed our conjecture, that the arrangement under which that especial duty was confided to the noble Viscount was one which may have been quite independent of *the will* of the Royal Duchess.

The Observer "*in the customary discharge of the foul task allotted to it*" *had accused* The Times *of "painting the Duchess of Kent in a most unfavourable light" in respect of the Royal debts.* The Times *was unrepentant in its reply.*

We, in common with many others, do not refrain from censuring the course of action through which those debts were incurred, but we do very truly rejoice that by the payment of them a crying scandal has (albeit from the purse of the people of England) been got rid of.

NEWS

Ammunition found in UN lorry

■ *More than 7,500 rounds of rifle and machinegun* ammunition — packed in 48 boxes and wrapped in old clothes among crates of flour — have been found hidden in a United Nations relief lorry heading for the Muslim area of Sarajevo.

Serb soldiers uncovered the cache at a checkpoint between the airport and the city. UN officials later found another 9,000 rounds and gunpowder concealed at the airport where relief lorries are loaded..... **Pages 1, 9, 15**

Ministers fear disrupted summer

■ A third teachers' union moved closer to joining a boycott of school tests yesterday as the government braced for further public sector disruption after talks between British Rail and the transport unions collapsed ..... **Pages 1, 2, 14**

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Gordon Wilson, whose daughter, Marie, was murdered by the IRA at Enniskillen, failed in *talks with terrorists to persuade* them to end violence..... **Page 1**

Church defector

Sheridan Gilley, chair of theology at Durham University, will become tomorrow the first Anglican of high stature since the November vote in favour of ordaining women priests to defect to the Roman Catholic Church..... **Pages 1, 2, 14, 15**

Easter jams

Holidaymakers jammed roads and airport terminals last night. Weathermen forecast showers today but bright spells on Sunday and Monday, especially in the north..... **Page 1**

Shopping doubts

Some of Britain's biggest stores have linked to campaign for a compromise over Sunday opening, fearing that deregulation would provoke a trading war of *few additional sales and bigger* pay bills..... **Page 2**

Egypt summit

President Mubarak of Egypt announced that he will soon meet Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, either in Cairo, Ismailia or the Sinai to try to rescue the stalled Middle East peace talks..... **Page 11**

Cambodia killings

A Japanese UN volunteer and his Cambodian interpreter were murdered by Khmer Rouge gunmen yesterday as Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, was in the country on an official visit ..... **Page 11**

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The Christian Democrats, creaking under the strain of Italy's corruption scandals, have re*opened the door to participation* in a new government of the former communists, the Democratic Party of the Left..... **Page 10**

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Orford Ness, which is off Suffolk and is one of the most isolated stretches of English coastline, is to be opened to the public after nearly 80 years as a military testing ground..... **Page 3**

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Jean Daddow, 53, with Roger Blackman, 23, her son from a *previous marriage and Robert* Bell, 33, a former soldier, have been convicted of the murder of Daddow's husband after she had taken over his finances in a network of accounts..... **Page 3**

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Animal rights extremists are planning a spring campaign against blood sports in the aftermath of violent action against foxhunting which left one young saboteur dead..... **Page 7**

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The government is considering powers to prevent destruction by off-road vehicles of Britain's ancient byways ..... **Pages 5, 15**

Aiming jabs at the proper target

■ Many elderly patients at risk are not receiving influenza vaccinations while other people, who need them least, are, according to a new study by Dr Karl Nicholson reported in the *British Medical Journal*. The study was carried out in Leicestershire and concluded that reduced risk did not justify universal vaccination..... **Page 7**



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Football: Nottingham Forest have slipped back to the bottom of the Premier League and yesterday their manager, Brian Clough, received the dreaded vote of confidence from his chairman, Fred Reacher..... **Page 36**

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Good Friday, good news: The American group Sounds of Blackness, *visiting Britain this month*, offer vibrant proof that gospel-based music need lack nothing in excitement and appeal..... **Page 29**

Wired up: Bruce Springsteen ignored MTV's "acoustic music only" *Unplugged* show when he appeared on it with an electrified band, but the resulting album and video may be seen as justifying the *rule-breaking*..... **Page 29**

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■ Amid urban deprivation and rural tranquility, two Church of England clergy prepare for the Easter festival. Celia Brayfield reports in Weekend

All the right poses

■ Diana Ross's latest release is an album and video of her "jazz" concert in New York last year. Clive Davis thinks the soul superstar is out of her depth

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Reporting the death of Debbie Raymond, one of the newspapers began with a *sentence of nine* words from her lover's account of what had happened which chilled my blood to such a degree that I do not think I shall ever get those words out of my mind..... **Page 14**

JANET DALEY

What the government wanted was the kind of simple exercise that most adults remember: spelling and sums tests which took about half an hour every Friday morning. But teachers cannot accept them because they have been taught to reject the idea of objective *knowledge*..... **Page 14**

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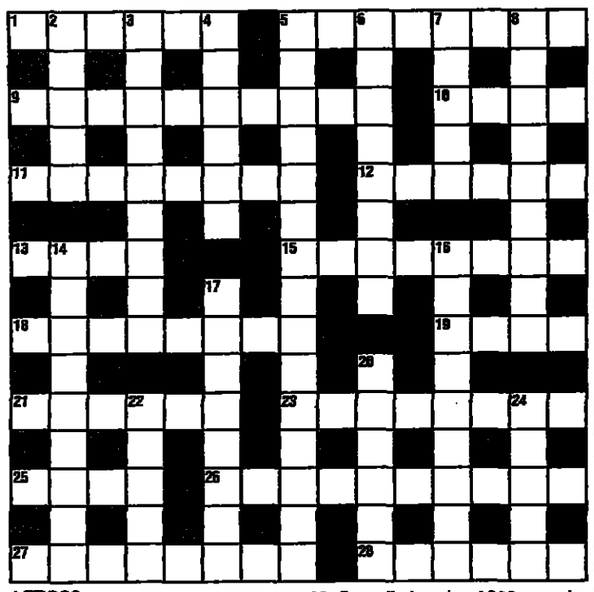
For the first time in its history the UN is recognising a state without a name or a flag, in other words without the minimum attributes of sovereignty. But Macedonia anyway has the luck in its misery for it has passed from a state of non-being to a semi-clandestine existence

Le Monde

A year ago, John Major was elected as prime minister but his year *hasn't quite* been the glad, confident morning that optimists hoped for: more the glimmer of twilight

Evening Standard

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,200



ACROSS

1 Backward sets I had, difficult to teach (6).
5 Jet pilot can be a pest (8).
9 Tough children assigned to guardian to rear (10).
10 Wine reportedly revealing a bit of body (4).
11 Deceive sweetheart? Make light of it (8).
12 Queen brought back by expert to deliver check (6).
13 Young man's advice from Horace to get new garment (4).
15 Just a small amount, say, to declare (8).
18 Maintain loyalty to party whip, perhaps (8).
19 A medic returns as the music's ending (4).
21 Here and there skip a page, turning over (6).
23 Constellation, i.e. 1000 stars in formation (8).
25 Game by no means close at Oval (4).
26 Strange thing to observe in Rembrandt's work (5,5).
27 Account produced once date is fixed (8).
28 Continue tipping in Asian port (6).

DOWN

2 Reckon a pound is all there is (5).
3 Burning desire or yen to inhabit quiet country (9).
4 Key person who has a depressing experience (6).
5 Granted me burial at sea, where many sailors have died? (7,8).
6 English musicians in Irish islands — no place for them! (4-4).
7 Arabic food gets king a mite upset (5).
8 Finding desire opposed, is visibly disappointed (4-5).
14 Once more, finished with a profit (4,5).
16 Ace, in turn, gets ordered up in the air (9).
17 Military unit has to charge front of outpost (8).
20 Still a problem on the set (6).
22 Philosophically resigned to splitting up thus (5).
24 Painting business contracted after short time (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,199

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WEATHER

Most of England and Wales will have a cloudy, wet start.

During the morning drier, brighter weather will reach southwest England, although there will still be showers. That drier weather should spread to Wales and other western and southern parts of England by afternoon. Much of Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dull and wet. It will feel cold near the east coast where it will be windy. Outlook: all parts will have sunshine and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; si=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	f	Luxor	29	84	s
Alcudia	17	63	f	Madrid	24	75	f
Alex'dria	21	70	s	Majorca	19	66	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Malaga	22	72	s
Amst'dm	10	50	c	Malta	20	68	s
Athens	19	66	f	Melb'rne	17	63	f
Bahrain	27	81	s	Miami*	28	79	c
Bangkok	26	79	c	Milan	16	61	s
Barbados*	30	86	f	Montreal*	12	54	s
Barcelna	15	59	s	Moscow	11	52	f
Beirut	18	64	f	Munich	8	46	c
Belgrade	12	54	c	Nairobi	26	79	f
Berlin	8	46	c	Naples	17	63	f
Bermuda*	24	75	f	N Delhi	31	88	s
Biarritz	21	70	s	N York*	13	55	s
Borde'x	19	66	s	Nice	17	63	s
Brussels	10	50	f	Oslo	5	41	s
Budapst	10	50	f	Paris	13	55	c
B Aires*	22	72	c	Peking	11	52	s
Cairo	25	77	s	Perth	24	75	s
Cape Tn	18	64	r	Prague	8	43	c
Chicago*	11	52	c	Reykjavik	8	43	r
Ch'church	24	75	s	Rhodes	17	63	c
Cologne	9	48	c	Rio de J	37	99	s
C'phagn	6	43	c	Riyadh	24	75	f
Corfu	16	61	s	Roma	17	63	f
Dublin	10	50	d	Salzburg	5	41	c
Dubrovnik	16	61	f	S F'isco*	17	63	s
Faro	20	68	f	Santiago*	18	64	f
Florence	18	64	f	S Paulo*	29	84	f
Frankfurt	10	50	c	Seoul	5	41	c
Funchal	20	68	s	St'kholm	2	36	s
Geneva	14	57	c	Strasb'rg	12	54	c
Gibraltar	22	72	s	Sydney	21	70	f
Helsinki	0	32	f	Tangier	19	66	f
Hong K	17	63	f	Tel Aviv	18	64	f
Innsbruck	7	45	r	Tenerife	21	70	s
Istanbul	12	54	f	Tokyo	11	52	r
Jeddah	33	91	s	Toronto*	12	54	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Tunis	24	75	s
Karachi	35	95	s	Valencia	25	77	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	10	50	c
Le Tquet	12	54	s	Venice	14	57	s
Lisbon	18	64	f	Vienna	6	43	f
Locarno	18	64	f	Warsaw	7	45	c
London	12	54	c	Wash'ton*	15	59	s
L Angels*	18	68	s	Wel'nton	19	66	s
Luxembg	9	48	c	Zurich	10	50	c

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 08C (46F). Humidity: 6pm, 51 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: *24hr to 6pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm,* 1,016.6 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Torquay, *Devon, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Lerwick,* Shetland, 06C (43F); highest rainfall: Ross-on-Wye, Hereford & Worcester, 0.31in; highest sunshine, Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 10.7hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: *max 6am to 6pm, 11C* (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 08C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.04in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

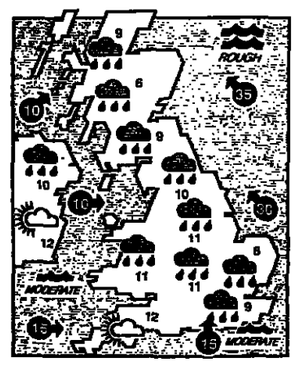
GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 09C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, 06C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.43in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.17 pm to 5.48 am
Bristol 8.27 pm to 5.58 am
Edinburgh 8.37 pm to 5.59 am
Manchester 8.29 pm to 5.53 am
Penzance 8.37 pm to 6.12 am

Sun rises: 6.18 am
Sun sets: 7.47 pm
Moon sets 11.54 pm
Moon rises 7.21 am
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Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

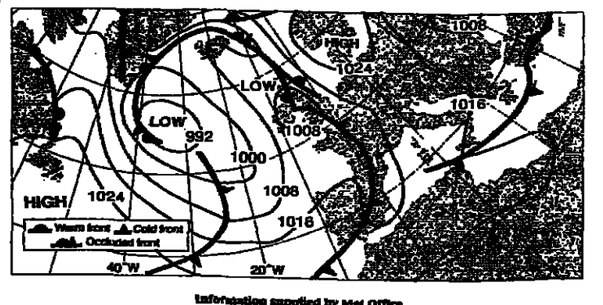
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain, s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	c	Guernsey	10	50	c
B'rmgham	9	48	c	Inverness	9	48	f
Blackpool	10	50	r	Jersey	13	55	c
Bristol	11	52	d	London	12	54	c
Cardiff	11	52	c	M'nchster	10	50	r
Edinburgh	9	48	c	Newcastle	7	45	c
Glasgow	7	45	r	R'nldsway	8	46	r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.11	7.8	4.39	7.4	Liverpool	1.28	9.9	1.49	9.8
Aberdeen	3.39	4.3	4.00	4.4	Lowestoft			12.01	2.4
Avonmouth	9.48	13.9	10.08	13.7	*Margate*	2.14	5.0	2.47	4.8
Belfast	1.18	3.5	1.42	3.7	Milford Haven	8.44	7.4	9.05	7.3
Cardiff	9.31	12.8	9.53	12.6	Newquay	7.34	7.4	7.56	7.2
Devonport	8.23	5.7	8.42	5.6	Oban	8.02	4.0	8.23	4.0
Dover	1.10	7.0	1.31	6.7	Penzance	7.24	5.8	7.44	5.7
Falmouth	7.53	5.5	8.12	5.4	Portland	9.18	2.2	9.23	2.1
Glasgow	3.21	4.7	3.27	4.9	Portsmouth	1.36	5.0	2.01	5.0
Harwich	2.07	4.2	2.33	4.1	Holyhead	12.25	5.8	12.50	5.8
Holyhead	12.25	5.8	12.50	5.8	Shoreham	1.26	6.6	1.51	6.4
Hull	8.42	7.8	9.01	7.9	Southampton	1.00	4.8	1.24	4.6
Ilfracombe	8.31	9.7	8.51	9.5	Swansea	8.48	10.0	9.08	9.08
King's Lynn	9.01	6.9	9.15	7.1	Tees	6.04	5.6	6.25	5.7
Leith	5.09	5.7	5.33	5.8	W'ton-on-Nze	1.59	4.5	2.25	4.3

NOON TODAY



Information supplied by Met Office

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.04
Austria Sch	18.30	10.80
Belgium Fr	53.60	49.20
Canada $	2.03	1.87
Denmark Kr	10.02	9.22
Finland Mrk	9.43	8.63
France Fr	8.76	8.06
Germany Dm	2.58	2.39
Greece Dr	352.00	327.00
Hong Kong $	12.40	11.40
Ireland Pt	1.053	0.973
Italy Lira	2475.00	2320.00
Japan Yen	189.50	170.50
Netherlands Gld	2.92	2.69
Norway Kr	11.02	10.22
Portugal Esc	239.50	221.50
South Africa Rd	5.45	4.75
Spain Pta	182.00	169.00
Sweden Kr	12.17	11.37
Switzerland Fr	2.39	2.21
Turkey Lira	15000.0	14000.0
USA $	1.676	1.495

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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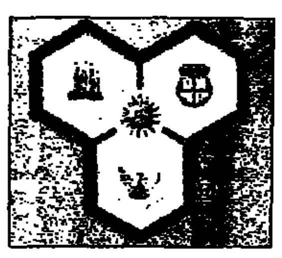


The chairman of only nine months at 3i, the venture capital group, has quit after its flotation was deferred indefinitely
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BUDGETING

President Clinton hopes to raise $12 billion more than had been proposed in an attempt to cut the US budget deficit
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LOSING



Sun Alliance, Britain's biggest insurer, remained in the red *last year, its figures* damaged by mortgage indemnity losses
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THE POUND

US $	1.5258 (+0.0123)
German mark	2.4542 (+0.0073)
Exchange index	80.1 (+0.2)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	2821.8 (-0.3)
Dow Jones	3388.64 (-8.38)*
Nikkei Avg	19967.27 (+138.04)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	6%
3-month Interbank	5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds	2⁷⁄₈%*
3-month Treas Bills	2.90-2.89%*
Long Bond	6.88%*

CURRENCIES

New York:	London:
£:$ 1.5250*	£:$ 1.5255
$:DM 1.6068*	£:DM 2.4500
$:SWfr 1.4798*	£:SWfr 2.2597
$:Ffr 5.4385*	£:Ffr 8.3100
$:Yen 113.55*	£:Yen 172.80
£:SDR 1.0830	£:ECU 1.2597

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):

AM 337.85	PM 337.50
Close	336.80-337.30
New York:	
Comex	337.25-337.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI 138.8 February (1.8%)

* Denotes midday trading price



Key change: a customer watches as the locks are switched at Roxburghe Bank's branch in London's Regent Street yesterday

Bank put into administration after run on deposits

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

ROXBURGHE Bank, a London bank serving the Asian community, was yesterday put into administration in the High Court after a run on deposits. The move follows administration at Equatorial Bank in March which dealt with Indians and East African Asians.

Equatorial's demise was in turn blamed on the administration of Mount Banking and the loss of confidence caused by the collapse of BCCI.

Roxburghe Bank, authorised by the Bank of England, had its registered office in *London's Regent Street and* another branch in Hounslow. Price Waterhouse, the administrator, said it obtained a large proportion of its deposits from customers in India and Kenya.

Price Waterhouse said it was trying to contact depositors and borrowers. Tony Lomas, the joint administrator, said that of the bank's £40 million assets half were in cash and deposits. The other half were loans and advances to the Asian business community in South East England.

Of the bank's depositors 90 per cent are overseas. Mr Lomas said the rate of withdrawals increased substantially during late February and March attributable to rumour and gossip concerning Equatorial and Mount Banking. The increased rate of transfer *of deposits to savings* accounts, which carry withdrawal on demand, threatened the liquidity of the company.

He said the managers could see that by the end of April or the beginning of May they would not have had enough money, and therefore sought an administration order. Mr *Lomas spent yesterday* afternoon in talks with the Bank of England. He said the "way ahead" was still being discussed. The Roxburghe Bank still had authorisation although this was under review. He said the purpose of the administration was to achieve a "better realisation" than was possible by liquidation.

A copy of Roxburghe's report and accounts filed at *Companies House* for the year to end December 1991 reveals an after-tax profit of £521,717 earned on a balance sheet total of £46 million. A dividend of £250,000 was paid against £302,000 in 1990. It is understood that the dividend went to the majority shareholder, CAS Nominees, based on the Isle of Man. The beneficial owner of CAS is understood to be an Asian family.

The report says 20 people were employed at the bank during 1991.

The bank's Hounslow branch is at a busy junction of the main shopping thoroughfare, (Louise Hidalgo writes). A small typed sign on the door was the only notification to customers *yesterday that* the administrators had been called in.

A few customers walked up to read it and to take down the name and number of the administrators. Most had already heard the news, but some had not. "Oh no, when did this happen?", said one man, clutching cheques he had come to deposit in his wife's account, which was held *there. "I must go and stop the* cheques," he said, before rushing off.

Another customer said: "I nearly had a car crash when I heard. I thought the Roxburghe was safe." He and his partner used the bank, among others, for their travel and property company. "We *wanted to spread our money* between banks. But this will certainly make a bit of a hole in our pockets."

Heron unveils £1.4bn refinancing package

BY JON ASHWORTH

HERON International, the property-to-car-dealership group headed by Gerald Ronson, is being technically placed in administration as part of a £1.4 billion financial restructuring package.

Schemes of arrangement are being sought in the Netherlands and Netherlands Antilles to permit negotiations with the group's bond holders. The moves only affect the Heron holding companies. The rest of the group continues to trade normally.

The package, requiring the formal approval of 15,000 bond holders, has taken more *than a year to finalise.* Lord Boardman, former chairman of NatWest Bank, will become non-executive chairman. Creditors will be offered a mixture of bonds and equity. A group of investors led by Mr Ronson is buying the Snax24 chain of 24 service stations for *£11 million. Heron will retain* the Suzuki franchise until it runs out next March. Creditors meetings will take place in June and the restructuring should be completed in July.

A collapse in the value of its property portfolio, coupled with trading losses, has wiped £900 million off the value of *Heron's assets* — to a deficit of £328 million in March 1992.

Bond holders are being offered £307 million in Senior Bonds, repayable between March 1995 and March 1997; £75 million in Junior Bonds, repayable in March 2000, and a 52 per cent stake in Heron. The consortium of 82 banks, led by Barclays, will take 43 per cent and have their *loans repaid in full by September 1995.* Mr Ronson and his charities and family trusts will be left with 5 per cent.

The negotiations have cost £50 million in fees. Heron plans to sell the bulk of its £1.2 billion property portfolio over four years, using the proceeds to repay debt. Heron Suzuki, *Heron Homes and Heron* Service Stations businesses will be sold by March 1995. Mr Ronson had been keen to buy the Suzuki operations, but is believed to have met opposition from the banks.

If all goes to plan, Heron will be a leaner company embracing the H R Owen car dealerships, Heron Distribution and a small property port*folio. The two divisions have a* turnover of £150 million between them. Mr Ronson, who remains chief executive, will be able to claw back up to 25 per cent of the equity depending on the success of his debt-repayment programme.

Heron is seeking two new *non-executive directors to join Lord Boardman. The full* extent of the property losses has been laid bare. The value of Heron's European property portfolio had dropped 30 per cent to £700 million by March 1993. The US portfolio more than halved in value from £450 million to £250 million. In a deal with its bankers, the insolvent US division has been "ring-fenced", sparing Heron *from further losses but allowing* it to benefit from profits.

The UK housing portfolio has been written down by £75 million. Interest payments in the year to March 1992 cost £100 million.

Mr Ronson, Alan Goldman, deputy chief executive and Michael Marx, finance *director, will be* signed on five year service contracts. Mr Ronson's salary will be substantially reduced.

Riding the corporate roller-coaster

BY OUR CITY STAFF



Ronson: fortunes waned

GERALD RONSON has ridden the great British corpo*rate roller-coaster* like nobody else. After leaving school at 15, he built a property and motor dealership empire that, at its peak, was Britain's second largest company.

At the pinnacle of his career, Mr Ronson had it all: a white Rolls-Royce with personalised number plates; a mansion in Hampstead; a luxury yacht and a private corporate jet. His Heron Foundation gave generously to childrens' charities and hospitals in Israel. But misplaced loyalties and an ill-*judged property venture* in Arizona sent the roller-coaster into a headlong plunge.

In 1990, he was given a £5 million fine, the biggest for a private individual in British legal history, and sentenced to a year in prison *for his part* in the Guinness affair. He served six months in Ford Open Prison. Since his release, the fortunes of his Heron International group have waned.

Mr Ronson bought his first petrol station in 1966 and went on to open the UK's first self-service station. His company powered through the seventies and eighties.

But at the end of the eighties, everything was put up for sale to help pay the interest on debts of more than *£1 billion.*

In October last year, Mr Ronson agreed to step down as chairman as part of a rescue package presented to bankers and bondholders. Now, at 53, he still has time to defy his critics.

A model of how not to go about things



ANTHONY HARRIS

On the first day of privatised prisoner transport *this week,* one prisoner escaped. This must have given all British economists a good laugh; for it came on the same day as a report that the Treasury is thinking of contracting out the running and development of its own economic model to DRI, the biggest American consultancy. Thus Thatcherised Whitehall gave a *double* demonstration of its qualities — misguided doctrinal obsession, and Keystone Cops *practical* incompetence.

Not that either idea is stupid on the face of it. The *police, now highly paid,* are burdened with many duties that could be done just as well by someone else — traffic wardens, *ordinary* switchboard operators and the like. But it might have occurred to somebody that there is a vital difference between private security work and police escort duty. The training and instincts of private security guards are directed against outside threats; the one thing your vanload of bullion will not do is *run away.* This was bound to be a risk-prone application of a reasonable idea.

The Treasury model proposal is a different matter altogether. It will not, even in principle, *save money.* It will not solve the forecasting problem. It also suggests that the market enthusiasts at the Treasury do not understand what a market is. And, of course, it is an implied insult to all British practitioners of macroeconomics (including the London Business School team that was built up by the present heads of the Treasury). If this is not entirely undeserved, that is also the Treasury's fault.

Many of the most promising British economists have been driven across the Atlantic by Treasury penny-pinching with higher education, and the withdrawal of support for the less conventional British model-builders. Two of them now rate appointment as Wise Men, but still no funds; as near as the Treasury can get to open confession of idiocy.

So what should have happened? First, the actual business of model-building should have been contracted out the the universities many years ago. This would have saved money, because *university model-builders* relied on public funds anyway. Much more important, it would have opened the field to competing ideas, and so created an actual market in forecasting. Finally, it would have protected the academic side of the work from the political massaging that is the real bane of Treasury modelling, which has always been "supplemented by judgment" — Sir Humphrey language for the practice of tearing up distasteful forecasts.

If the Treasury had created such a market in good time, it might have woken up some years ago to the real nature of the present difficulty with forecasts. A financial crisis such as the one we have just suffered cannot be captured by any normal model, because it has to assume that economic behaviour follows fairly stable laws.

The policy-makers would have distrusted forecasts, and perhaps started *to ask the right question:* can we measure financial confidence? And they might also have given more attention *to the Treasury's perennial* internal problem: its inability to forecast its own revenues and outlays — a job which no outside contractor (especially one across the Atlantic) can possibly take over. If the Treasury's perfectly competent staff economists could crack that one, we would have been spared many a crisis and emergency mini-Budget.

The outsiders might also have had some pertinent questions to put to the Treasury. Why are you obsessed with privatisation in the first place? Do you think it makes much difference whether the government funds its under-provision by selling bonds or equities? And if you say it affects the PSBR, why do you think that matters? No other country has this over-riding target; is it possibly that you have got it wrong? *And when it comes to* privatising activities rather than enterprises, what is the point if you do *not save money? None? We thought* as much.

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Head of 3i leaves after banks defer flotation

BY NEIL BENNETT

THE chairman of 3i Group, the venture capital investment firm, has walked out after plans for a £1.5 billion flotation were postponed indefinitely by its shareholders, the clearing banks.

Alan Wheatley, who became chairman last July, has resigned from the company he hoped to bring to the stock market. He is the latest casualty in a succession of 3i directors who have left the group after disagreements over its long-standing flotation plans.

A statement from 3i yesterday said shareholders had deferred plans for a float. "Moreover, they are unable to be more definitive about their intentions in this respect at the present time," it added.

The group has been planning a flotation for more than six years but has repeatedly failed to obtain agreement among shareholders. Last year, the flotation plans were shelved twice due to the poor state of the stock market.

The group was quick to stress that the decision was nothing to do with its financial performance. The results for the year to end-March, to be published in May, are expected to show a small recovery in net asset value in the second half of the year, reversing a small fall in the first half.

A committee of the banks, including the Bank of England, decided the group could not come to the market because too few of them wanted to sell their shares. Originally, Midland, Lloyds and the Bank of England were prepared to sell their combined 46 per cent stake. But Midland, since it was taken over by Hongkong & Shanghai Bank last year, has been keen to retain its 18 per cent stake.

The banks were also concerned that 3i would have to be floated at a deep discount to its £1.2 billion net asset value since unquoted investments are still out of favour among investors. Electra, 3i's nearest quoted equivalent, is currently trading on a discount of more than 30 per cent. 3i's management originally hoped to come to the market at a small premium to net assets, which they believed would recognise the value of the group's size and international spread.

Mr Wheatley, the former senior partner of Price Waterhouse, accepted the job as chairman on the understanding that 3i would soon be a quoted investment trust. He will be replaced by Sir Max Williams, the deputy chairman, until a permanent replacement is found.

The banks' decision is a blow for 3i. Conversion to an investment trust would allow it to avoid capital gains tax on the sale of its investments.

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Providing leadership in recession: at Ford's request, Harold Poling stayed on after he would normally have retired

Ford chairman is paid $4.38m

FROM REUTER IN DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

HAROLD Poling, chairman of Ford Motor Company, earned $4.38 million in cash, compensation and stock options in 1992, the company said.

In 1991, he earned $1.98 million in cash and other compensation and $3.34 million in stock options. The 1991 total of $5.32 million cannot be compared with the 1992 figures because of different valuations on the stock options. Mr Poling did not exercise any stock options in 1992 and was not awarded a bonus.

Ford said Mr Poling's 1992 earnings included $1.19 million in annual compensation and long-term awards in the form of restricted stock totalling $1.38 million. In addition, he was granted stock options on 158,000 shares, worth $1.81 million, according to Black-Scholes, an independent valuation formula. Mr Poling, who plans to retire from Ford by the end of this year, cannot sell the restricted shares until 18 months after retirement.

Phillip Benton, former Ford president, earned $1.66 million last year, comprising $744,230 in cash and compensation and $913,300 in restricted stock awards and other long-term stock. Mr Benton, who retired on December 31 last year, earned $657,221 in cash and $1,686,250 in stock options in 1991. Ford said he also exercised options worth $554,843 in 1992, bringing total pay to $2.21 million.

Alan Gilmour, vice-chairman, earned $1.872 million in 1992, comprising $544,996 in salary and other compensation and $1.327 million in restricted stock and long-term stock. In 1991, he earned $947,092 in salary and $923,000 in stock options.

Alex Trotman, president and chief operating officer of Ford Automotive Group, earned $1.76 million in salary and other compensation last year, about equal to 1991's pay.

Michael Dingman, chairman of the compensation committee, said: "At the request of the board of directors, he [Mr Poling] has stayed on after he normally would have retired to provide the strong leadership needed during the worldwide economic recession."

SUN ALLIANCE

RESULTS FOR 1992

The audited Group results for 1992 are as follows:	1992 £m	1991 £m
Premium income –		
General insurance	3,128.0	2,677.9
Long-term insurance	1,302.4	1,017.7
	4,430.4	3,695.6
General insurance underwriting result	(547.6)	(833.5)
Long-term insurance profits	62.0	54.3
Investment and other income	356.0	313.0
Profit (loss) before taxation	(129.6)	(466.2)
Taxation	(12.1)	(2.7)
Profit (loss) after taxation	(117.5)	(463.5)
Minority interests	11.2	8.2
Profit (loss) attributable to shareholders	(128.7)	(471.7)
Dividend	114.6	113.9
Retained profits transfer	(243.3)	(585.6)
Earnings (loss) per share	(16.1p)	(59.2p)
Dividend per share	14.25p	14.25p

TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GENERAL INSURANCE RESULTS

	1992 Premium income £m	1992 Underwriting result £m	1991 Premium income £m	1991 Underwriting result £m
United Kingdom	1,833.4	(438.4)	1,667.1	(713.0)
Europe	534.4	(61.0)	445.8	(78.2)
U.S.A.	334.3	(10.4)	249.1	0.8
Canada	70.5	(14.1)	68.2	(18.7)
Australia	166.8	(8.1)	108.7	(12.3)
Other overseas	188.6	(15.6)	139.0	(12.1)
	3,128.0	(547.6)	2,677.9	(833.5)

SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

The Group's net assets amounted to £1,548m at 31st December, 1992 (1991: £1,684m), excluding the value of long-term business. The solvency margin including minority interests was 54% (1991: 69%).

DIVIDEND

The Directors recommend a final dividend of 9.0p per share (1991: 9.0p) making a total dividend for the year of 14.25p per share (1991: 14.25p). The dividend, costing £72.4m (1991: £72.0m), will be paid on 1st July, 1993 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 20th April, 1993. The scrip dividend alternative will again be offered.

The above statement is a summary of the year's results. The full audited Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 26th April, 1993 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting, which will be on 19th May, 1993.

8th April, 1993

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Iran denies breaking oil quota

IRAN yesterday denied allegations that its oil output in March broke its Opec-mandated quota. March volume was "within the limits of the allocated production quota", a statement from the oil ministry in Teheran said.

Published surveys, based on data from experts who track tanker movements, estimated Iranian output at between 3.62 million and 3.71 million barrels per day (bpd). Some Western industry monitors confessed they were uneasy about these figures, which compare with 3.34 million allocated to Iran by the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Iran's alleged excess threatens a row when Opec ministers meet in Oman next Monday. Kuwait has said it may ignore its quota if others cheat.

Iran said in its statement that it had drawn several points to the attention of Alirio Parra of Venezuela, Opec president. One was that its March output was within quota. "Issues raised by some publications on over-production by our country are hereby strongly refuted. Such issues seem to have originated from hasty judgments and conclusions." Iran said it had reported full details to Opec, including a list of tankers, home consumption and refinery runs.

(Reuter).

Shares dive on Welpac warning

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

WELPAC, the DIY and gardening products group, has issued a profits warning, on the eve of the traditional Easter rush.

The board has told shareholders that trading conditions did not improve during the second half of the year, with both sales volumes and gross margins below expectations, and Welpac therefore expects to repeat the £684,000 interim loss already reported in the six months to end-January. The shares slumped 8p to 30p.

Welpac is taking £1.1 million of write-offs from a contract with a big DIY retailer, after new capacity installed was not needed because of lower-than-forecast orders. The company will continue to operate within acceptable gearing levels, said Gerald Lavender, the chairman.

At the half-way stage, Welpac had said the aim was to return to a satisfactory level of profitability in 1993, providing that there was no further deterioration in the market environment. The company admitted that demand remained the most important single factor.

Mr Lavender said Welpac was now seeing "healthy orders, better margins and a lower cost base".

MTM profit fall is investigated

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE Serious Fraud Office and the North Yorkshire police are investigating events that led to a shortfall in profits for 1991 at MTM, the troubled chemical group.

David Swallow, MTM's chairman, confirmed yesterday that the group is co-operating with the SFO and police in their investigations.

The company yesterday also revealed it is planning a financial rescue that would involve a debt-for-equity swap with its 14 banks, led by Chase Manhattan and Standard Chartered. If the plan is approved by the banks, £40 million of its £120 million debts would be converted into equity, giving the banks an 80 per cent stake in the company with an implied subscription price of 11p a share.

MTM said yesterday the first half of 1993 has been difficult and "the current economic environment within the chemical marketplace is unlikely to assist the group". However, it said the core business was profitable at operating level. MTM is due to unveil its 1992 figures in the next three weeks. The City expects a pre-tax loss of in excess of £50 million.

The SFO and police investigation is understood to centre on findings of a report by Binder Hamlyn, the auditor. Last summer, the SFO was thought to have decided against acting on the report because the amounts involved were too small.

MTM has had a turbulent time since March last year when it issued a profits warning days before its 1991 results were due. At the time, the company reassured the City there would be no impact on trading, yet five days later there was a second warning that profits would be "significantly" lower than the £23 million promised during the 1990 £49 million rights issue.

Richard Lines, chairman, resigned last April after the shares collapsed. Ken Scofield, formerly of Hickson International, was brought in as chief executive and said that the company made a £20.5 million pre-tax loss in 1991.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Deverell leaves in Barclays shake-up

BARCLAYS Bank has confirmed the departure of Mark Deverell, 52, director of risk management and head of the central advances department. The department approved poor loans that led to the bank's £242 million pre-tax loss last year.

The bank said Mr Deverell had "agreed to leave" but emphasised that his departure was caused by the splitting up of the central advances department. Its personnel will move into the main banking business and the Barclays de Zoete Wedd corporate finance divisions as part of Barclays' moves to control lending in the wake of the £1.96 billion British bad debt provision. A spokesman for the bank said that he did not know of any further casualties in the moves to tighter control over lending. Headhunters are still looking for a new outside chief executive to sit alongside Andrew Buxton, who is, at present, chairman and chief executive. Barclays said Mr Deverell had set in train a review of loan controls that led to the breaking up of his department and the abolition of his post.

Exploration loss grows

THE Exploration Company of Louisiana, the oil and gas group whose shares are traded on the American stock exchange and in London, has reported a non-cash net loss of $23.98 million for the year to end-December. The comparable 1991 result was a $23.86 million loss. The 1992 outcome reflects a $22.4 million provision for oil and gas properties. Oil and gas revenues during 1992 were $10.6 million ($11.2 million). An accelerated development programme at its Cox field is planned this year.

£36m Suter disposal

SUTER, the industrial conglomerate, is selling its industrial valves business for a maximum of £36 million. Tyco Laboratories of America has also been given an option to buy properties occupied by the valves business for £8 million. The sale proceeds will be used to cut group borrowings, develop its other businesses and provide a base for expansion. The valves business trades as Hindle Cockburns, Charles Winn (Valves) and Spensall Engineering. In calendar 1992, the business made trading profits before interest and tax of £4.1 million.

Vinten buys in US

VINTEN Group has cemented its commercial relationship with Bogen Photo Corporation, of New Jersey and California, the sole distributor of its Gruppo Manfrotto photographic equipment in America, by buying the company for $17.5 million. Bogen achieved a pre-tax profit of $3.4 million in the year ended December 31, and at that date had net assets of $10 million. The purchase price will be settled from Vinten's bank facilities. Vinten says about 30 per cent of Gruppo Manfrotto's output is sold via Bogen.

Dowding write-down

DOWDING & Mills, the electrical and mechanical repair group that charged £633,000 against profits in 1992 to cover costs of a failed bid for Torday & Carlisle, has written down its 8.7 per cent stake in Torday by £628,000. The write-down, coupled with £380,000 of redundancy costs and lower operating profits, leaves the group showing a pre-tax profit of £1.77 million for the six months ended December. It is holding its interim dividend at 0.92p a share, though the payment is not covered by net interim earnings of 0.61p a share.

Ross surges to £3.7m

ROSS Group, the acquisitive consumer products and packaging group, almost trebled pre-tax profits to £3.7 million in the year to end-December. Earnings per share rose 66 per cent to 2.45p and the total dividend is up 44 per cent to 0.65p. Noel Hayes, chairman, said the profits came from strong organic growth as well as acquisitions. Stellar Group, the car alarms and power supplies business acquired in 1991, is consolidated for the full year and accounts for half the consumer products division's £2.5 million profit.

Chepstow races ahead

ROYALTIES from Satellite Information Services helped Chepstow Racecourse boost pre-tax profits from £157,000 to £247,000 in the year to end-December. Turnover increased from £1.6 million to £1.8 million, with a big contribution from the Welsh Grand National which was held on the first bank holiday after Boxing Day. The company is also benefiting from better performance from non-racing activities. Earnings per share rose from 27p to 41p and Chepstow is paying a maintained dividend of 1p.

Westminster offer

THE offer for Westminster Health Care Holdings was 4.8 times subscribed, Barclays De Zoete Wedd said. There were 22,445 applications received for a total of 30.7 million shares. A total of 6.39 million shares were available, before allowing for preferential applications. As a result, investors applying for 200 to 800 shares will receive 200; for 1,000, 225; 1,500, 250; 2,000, 275; 2,500, 300; 3,000, 325 and those applying for 3,500 or more will receive 10 per cent of their application.

Purchase for Reuters

REUTERS America Holdings, a member of Reuters, the international information group, has acquired American Real-Time Services (Arts), which was founded in New York in 1987 and provides services to the American financial markets. Neither the price paid nor the assets acquired have been disclosed, although Reuters says that they are not material in the context of Reuters' net assets.

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Sun Alliance kept in the red by loan indemnity losses

BY SARAH BAGNALL

Sun Alliance, along with the rest of the composite insurance sector, is emerging from the horrors of the past two years. It is forecasting a profit this year

HUGE losses on mortgage indemnity insurance kept Sun Alliance in the red for 1992 and resulted in the UK's largest insurer reporting the worst results from any of the leading composites.

Only two of the five major composite insurers have managed a return to profit, with Commercial Union leading the way with a pre-tax profit of £31 million followed by Guardian Royal Exchange with a £3 million profit.

However, in line with the rest of the sector, Sun Alliance has reported a sharp improvement in fortunes with a reduction in pre-tax losses from £466.2 million to £129.6 million for 1992.

Scott Nelson, general manager, said: "We hope to deliver a profit this year — provided we don't get knocked over by any UK hurricanes." Analysts are forecasting pre-tax profits of about £140 million as the insurer benefits from the recent rises in UK premiums.

Sun Alliance, which has a 25 per cent share of the domestic mortgage indemnity (DMI) market, was hit by the continued high level of home repossessions. DMI losses fell to £186 million (£320 million), £110 million of which resulted from a change in the basis of claims recognition. Mr Nelson said further DMI losses were inevitable and that it was reasonable to assume this year's losses would be in the region of £150 million on the basis of projections of 60,000 repossessions. Steven Bird, an analyst at Smith New Court, is forecasting DMI losses in 1993 and 1994 of £160 million.

The final dividend was pegged at 9p, making an unchanged total for the year of 14.25p. The shares, which had risen strongly on Wednesday, gaining 12p, ended the day 5p down at 349p.

Excluding DMI, the personal lines business — household and motor insurance — managed a return to profit as the benefits of large hikes in premium rates began to feed through. The household account was helped by the mild weather and a drop in subsidence claims to £64 million (£117 million). Further benefits came from last year's introduction of a differential premium rating system, under which subsidence prone areas attract higher premiums.

Theft still posed a problem for both the household and motor accounts although claims frequency was on the decline, Mr Nelson said. Losses on private motor insurance fell from £72.4 million to £40 million, reflecting the benefits of the 20 per cent to 25 per cent hike in premiums in each of the last two years.

The commercial lines business remained loss-making as a result of the £39 million cost from the St Mary Axe bombing, which took place a year ago tomorrow, and £74 million (£50 million) of losses from the marine account. Hurricane Andrew, the biggest insurance loss ever, cost £20 million while employers' liability continued to incur significant losses.

The group's financial strength was further eroded as a result of a £150 million write-down in property values, which partly offset a foreign currency gain. At the year end, shareholders' funds stood at £1.5 billion, down from £1.7 billion last time. In 1992, the group was the most exposed to the property market with an estimated 18 per cent of its investment portfolio in properties. The level has now fallen to 15 per cent.

The solvency margin, including minority interests, fell from 69 per cent to 54 per cent, reflecting the drop in shareholders' funds. Last month's acquisition of the banking and insurance operations of Hafnia, the Danish insurer, will knock a further four percentage points off the margin.

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ALAN WELLER

On display: John Newman, UK Safety finance director, left, Pam Scholes, non-executive deputy chairman, and Colin Dunmore, chairman

TSW backs into UK Safety for £9.5m

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

TELEVISION South West, the ITV broadcaster that lost its franchise, is set to become Britain's leading manufacturer of footwear and protective clothing after a reverse takeover of UK Safety Group, announced yesterday.

Under the terms of the deal, TSW will pay £9.5 million for UK Safety, which makes boots for the British Army, partly funded by a one-for-six rights issue at 47p per share that will raise about £1.5 million.

TSW, which ceased broadcasting at the beginning of this year, considered several options, including liquidation, before deciding that this acquisition would provide the best return for shareholders. Its shares were suspended on January 4 at 28.5p after Westcountry Television took over the franchise.

If shareholders agree to the deal, the shares will resume trading, as UK Safety plc, on May 5 after the extraordinary meeting. Colin Dunmore, UK Safety chairman, hopes the share price will trade above the 50.8p net asset value.

Mr Dunmore said yesterday: "This is good for TSW shareholders, as they will have an ongoing business with a definite value, or an option for exit."

Liquidation may have taken up to five years to complete and would have probably realised only 40p per share, according to Rowan Dartington, TSW's advisers.

The deal will also enable UK Safety, the product of a management buyout of the footwear interest of Ward White Group in 1988, to reduce its debts substantially and provide investors in the buyout with an exit. Gearing of the new group will be about 50 per cent, but will come down as the remaining assets of TSW are sold. After the acquisition, two Schroder buyout funds will be the biggest shareholders, with 37.8 per cent of the enlarged group. Last year, UK Safety made pre-tax profit of £1.4 million.

TSW unveiled £9.2 million pre-tax profits, compared with £2 million for the 17 months to end-December 1991, reflecting the impact of cost-cutting and disposals. TSW is paying a 3p final, making a 5p total.

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UK firms face US tax clampdown

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration aims to raise $12 billion more in taxes and user fees over the next five years than previously proposed in what amounts to a signal to Congress and financial markets that the president is not prepared to compromise on his determination to cut America's budget deficit.

The detailed tax and spending figures came in yesterday's $1.5 trillion budget for 1994, and were broadly within the overall parameters of Mr Clinton's five-year economic plan, which was outlined in February. The budget did, however, contain a small number of revisions with an effect on international business and financial markets. The administration intends to raise more revenue in taxes in what is referred to as "international tax provisions", which includes taxes paid by foreign companies. In February's economic proposal, international tax provision had been calculated at $6.5 billion over four years. This has now been revised to $8.3 billion. The difference is due not to new tax initiatives but to a revision in the amount likely to be raised. The bulk of the taxes is expected to come from reinforced compliance measures, in particular an increase in the number of tax audits on foreign companies. British companies are the single largest group of foreign investors, with more than $100 billion of investments at stake.

Other factors causing unease in the securities industry include the administration's intention of pressing ahead with plans, already announced, to impose a 14 cent per trade commission fee for commodities futures trading, a measure strongly opposed by the Chicago future markets. A spokesman for the Chicago Board of Trade condemned the fee, which is expected to raise $55 million in the 1994 fiscal year, beginning on October 1, as weakening Chicago's international competitiveness against foreign exchanges and off-exchange trading.

Another proposal, also announced, concerns the fee companies pay to the Securities and Exchange Commission on raising cash through the securities markets. The total estimated receipts have been revised marginally upward.

The budget also contained subsidy cuts in the agricultural sector. Most of the new revenues will come from new taxes on corporate profits and higher-income earners. Congress has already approved the broad outlines of the budget, but there will be much haggling over individual tax and spending measures. Most of the package, however, is likely to survive in tact.

Industry pay rises fall to 2.5%

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

PAY awards in manufacturing averaged only 2.5 per cent in the first quarter of the year, while productivity began to show "quite brisk" improvements, according to the pay databank of the Confederation of British Industry.

Richard Price, deputy director general of the employers' organistion, hailed the findings as "better news for competitiveness in the world marketplace, and therefore for hopes of sustainable economic recovery."

The level of pay awards fell from 2.9 per cent during the final quarter of 1992, and excludes the impact of a large number of firms that have not given employees any increase.

Service sector awards fell to 2.8 per cent, from 3.2 per cent in the last quarter of 1992 and 4.6 per cent at the beginning of last year.

The figures suggest that many workers are now accepting cuts in their real level of pay.

Bullers presents another loss

BY CARL MORTISHED

BULLERS, the giftware and art foundries group, made a pre-tax loss on continuing operations of £450,000 for the six months to December 31 compared with a loss of £0.5 million in the preceding year.

Lord Eden, chairman of Bullers, said he anticipated further losses in the second half and noted that the high level of bank borrowings, currently £1.6 million, continued to be of concern.

Turnover fell from £1.8 million to £1.3 million for the period because of poor demand for giftware products during the Christmas season, with sales down 13 per cent. Turnover in decorative accessories was down 45 per cent. In 1991, the division was hit by the loss of 60 per cent of the employees of Glenlomond Fire Surrounds, who left and set up a rival firm.

Bullers has a balance sheet deficit of £347,000 and says that it has used up its £1.1 million overdraft from Barclays Bank. The company also has a loan facility of £0.5 million from the Turkish Marmara Bank whose chairman, Atilla Uras, has become a director of the company along with Ali Tigrel and Levend Beriker. All three are involved with Auric Holdings, an Austrian-based company which has a 29 per cent stake in Bullers and an option to increase it to 60 per cent.

According to Lord Eden, the new directors intend to make Bullers the main arm of Auric's UK activities and acquisitions of companies in the giftware sector are being planned.

Bullers underwent a financial restructuring last year. Gamlestaden, the Swedish financial institution, subscribed for equity in the firm and converted loans into 35 million preference shares. These were subsequently acquired by Auric and Gamlestaden agreed to grant a put and call option over the preference shares to the Austrian company, which, if exercised, will give it control of Bullers.

Managers acquire Maiden

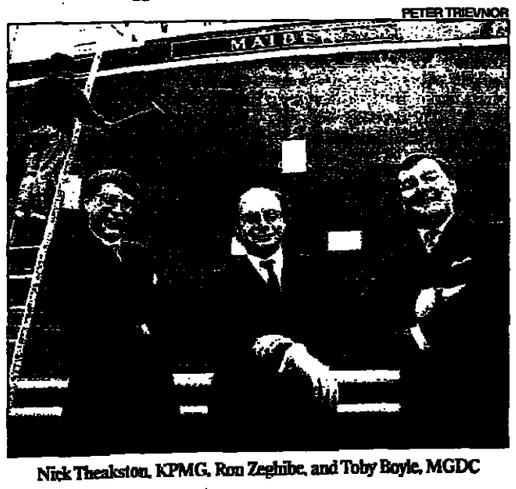
PETER TRIEVNOR

A MANAGEMENT team advised by KPMG corporate finance has acquired Maiden Outdoor Advertising, the independent private poster contractor, in a £21 million buyout, financed by Morgan Grenfell Development Capital (MGDC).

Morgan Grenfell and NatWest Acquisition Finance have underwritten the institutional equity and debt commitment of the package.

Ian Maiden will relinquish his post as chairman and chief executive, but will stay with the business as non-executive president. Ron Zeghibe will become chief executive.

Maiden was established in 1925 in Liverpool and moved to London in 1984.



Nick Theakston, KPMG, Ron Zeghibe, and Toby Boyle, MGDC

Doubts linger over 'franc fort' policy

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FINANCIAL markets showed little initial reaction to the announcement by Edouard Balladur, France's newly elected prime minister, that the Bank of France is to be made politically independent and that defending the current parity of the franc against the mark in the exchange-rate mechanism is a "national goal".

Both statements, in Mr Balladur's first major policy speech, were widely expected and, for the time being, markets appeared to react positively, albeit mildly. However, the speech did not lay to rest longer-term doubts that the cherished "franc fort" [strong franc] policy is sustainable, given the sharp deterioration in the French economy, rising unemployment, a worsening budget deficit and the very slow pace of interest rate cuts in Germany.

George Magnus, of Warburg Securities, said: "The issue of the franc/mark parity is not going to go away. At some point, defending it with high interest rates is going to become a serious policy constraint, whether it be in six months or 12 months."

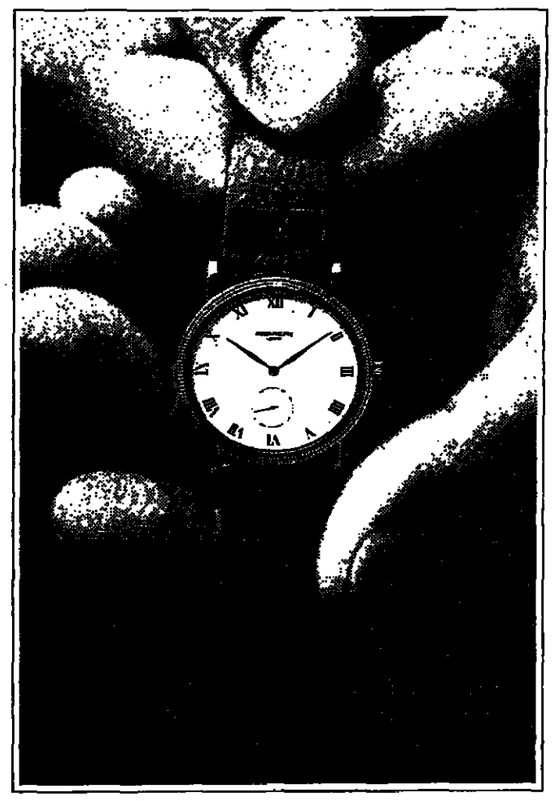
The markets were somewhat assuaged by M Balladur's decision to outline a five-year strategy for bringing the French budget deficit under control. He predicted that the deficit would exceed Fr330 billion this year, well over 4 per cent of gross domestic product — an extremely over-optimistic estimate, according to some private economists — but he set a target of reducing the gap to 2.5 per cent of GDP by 1997. Mr Magnus said that, in the short-term, the financial markets are likely to give the new French government the benefit of the doubt, accepting at face value what he called the "smoke-screen" of a medium-term strategy to reduce the deficit, including higher indirect taxes, and an extensive programme of privatisation. But, in the longer-term, markets may become concerned as the government pursues the contradictory objectives of cutting the deficit and trying to promote growth when interest rates are likely to stay high.

The sustainability of the franc's ERM parity remains a question of timing, with the speed of German rate-cutting the central uncertainty.

Jonathan Wilmot, of Credit Suisse First Boston, said that the wording of M Balladur's statement on the franc — that he reaffirmed his commitment "to the current parity between the franc and the mark" — still left open the possibility of moving to a wider band in the ERM as a back-stop measure.

☐ Sterling ended on a healthy note, closing at 80.1 on its trade weighted index, compared with the close on Wednesday at 79.9.

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STOCK MARKET

Investors stay in cynical mood

BULLISH noises continue to be made about a revival of economic activity, but as the equity market lurched towards the Easter break, there was evidence to suggest that investors were maintaining an air of cynicism.

The FT-SE 100 index fluctuated in narrow limits for much of the session before *ending 0.3 points down, at* 2,821.8. Sentiment was not helped by news of an opening fall of almost 20 points at the start of trading on Wall Street. Turnover was a lowly 451 million shares and much of that was taken up by investors shutting down positions before the long weekend.

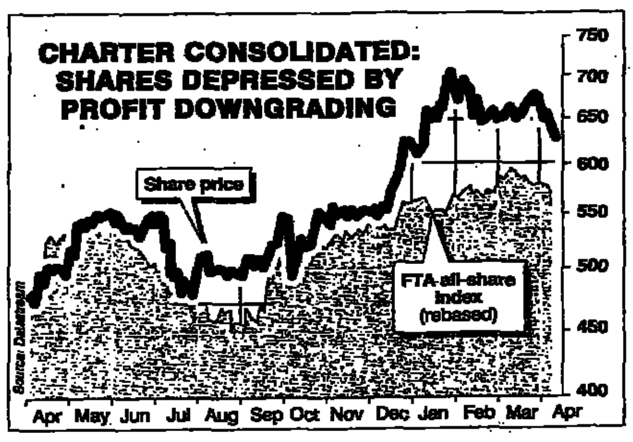
There is still one more week of the long trading account left to run, but there is little indication that investors are going to find much to get worked-up about. What spare money the institutions are *sitting on has been earmarked* for the next BT sell-off, the Zeneca rights issue and the Northern Ireland electricity *flotation*.

Charter Consolidated, the industrial holding group, suffered a fall of 13p to 628p in the wake of a profits downgrading by Hoare Govett, the stockbroker. Hoare is thought to have reduced its forecast for the current year by £10 million to £58 million on the basis that the returns from net cash will be lower than expected.

Charter is still sitting on about £400 million from the sale of its stake in Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group. The City expects Charter to use the money eventually to make a sizable acquisition, but it its widely known that the company *intends to take its* time and spend the money wisely. The downgrading announcement also sent a shudder through **English China**, 6p off at 440p. *BICC* was another casualty of a profit downgrading, down 13p at 343p, with brokers now clearly taking opposing views of the company's prospects. NatWest Securities was bullish about prospects earlier this week, but James Capel is less than flattering. It has cut its pre-tax profit estimate for 1993 by £8 million to £127 million.



Baldwin: enjoying windfall



Coats **Viyella** rose 4p to 241½p helped by a buy recommendation. **Khaleeq Taimuri, of Carr Kitcat & Aitken, says the group's 13 per cent premium over the rest of the market is justified by its earnings growth potential.**

Allied-Lyons *finished the* session 6p lower at 552p and **Bass** was 1p off at 547p as whispers circulated in the *Square* Mile that the two companies were contemplating merging their Victoria and Augustus Barnet off-licence chains. Such a joint venture has been estimated to be worth £115 million and would include all 960 shops owned by Victoria Wines and the smaller Augustus Barnet. Analysts think the deal would have to be concluded by a cash injection from Bass.

Stores enjoyed selective support in the belief that the Easter holiday's will serve to encourage a revival of consumer confidence. *Hopes that* shoppers are now more ready to part with their cash lifted **Argos** 6p to 307p, **Boots** 2p to 468p, **Kingfisher** 4p to 584p, **Lloyds Chemists** 2p to 287p, **Marks and Spencer** 5p to 344p, **Sears** 1p to 103p, and **Tie Rack** *4p to 113p*. **Suter** lost an early lead to finish the session 4p cheaper at 136p. The group is selling its industrial valves and components business to Tyco Laboratories for £36 million. It will use the money to cut borrowings. **Holiday Chemicals** made a *confident start in first-time* trading. Offered at 195p, the price touched 214p before ending the day at 213p.

British Airways rallied 11p to 283p after March figures from America showed passenger traffic up 17 per cent. The shares were hit last week by BA's own figures revealing that many big spenders were staying on the ground.

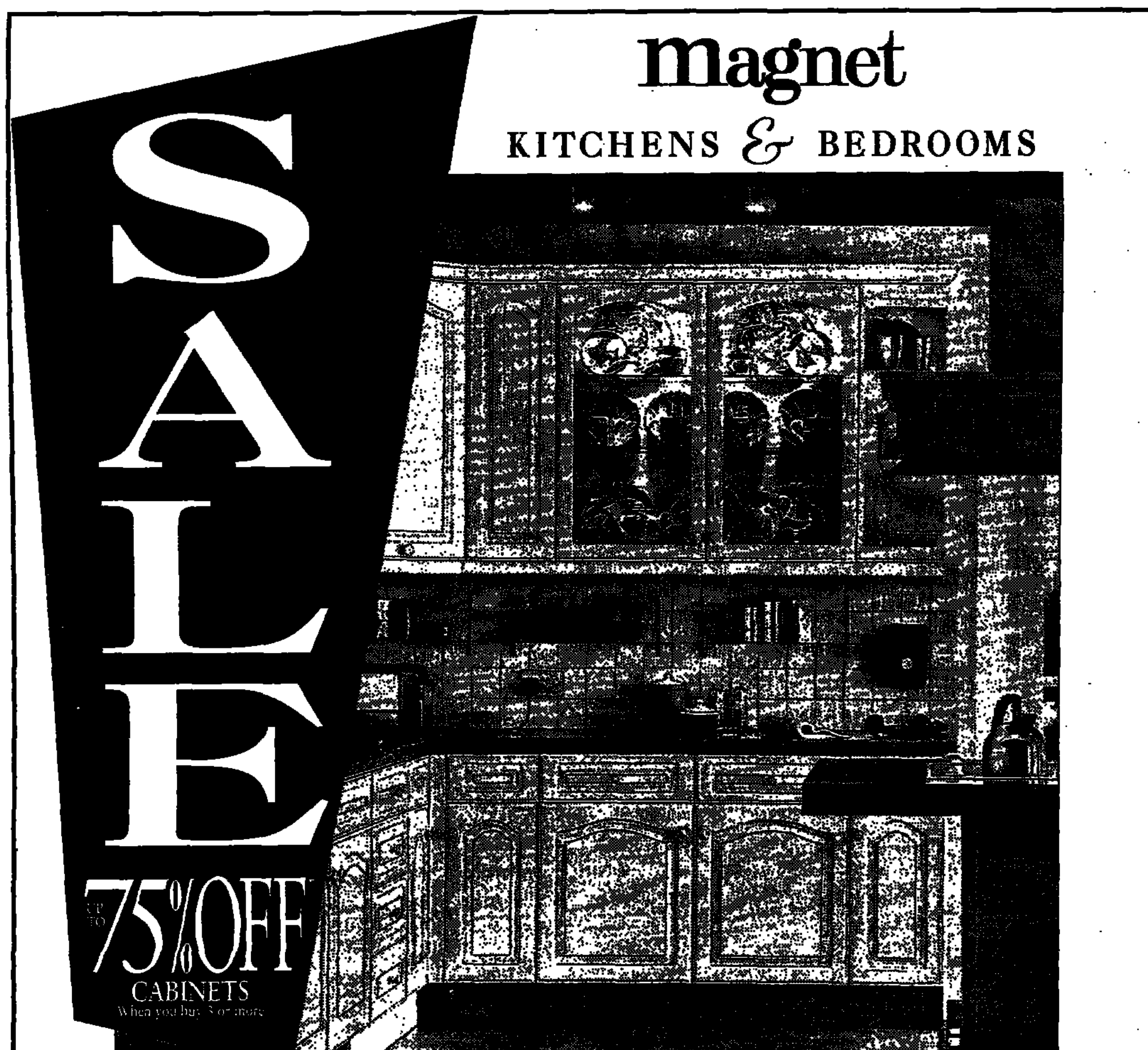
Securiguard, the security, industrial cleaning and services group, firmed 2p to 173p after revealing it had enjoyed something of a windfall. Former shareholders of City Link Transport have sold a total of 1.1 *million shares raising an* estimated £1.8 million.

The proceeds will be paid to Securiguard along with a further £250,000. Alan Baldwin, the chairman, says the disposal relates to the discharge of obligations arising from the acquisition of City Link in May 1989. The money will increase shareholder funds and reduce debt levels.

Full-year figures from **Sun Alliance** revealed the group still deep in the red although losses have been reduced. Losses at the pre-tax level were £129.6 million compared with a deficit of £466.2 million the previous year, with the dividend maintained at 14.25p. Domestic mortgage indemnity losses remained high at £186 million and further losses remain in the pipeline.

Total underwriting losses fell from £833.5 million to £547.6 million. But the group is confident of returning to the black in the current year. It said its operations were showing a considerable improvement. The *shares* responded to the news with a fall of 7p to 347p. The rest of the insurers appeared unimpressed, with **Royal**, losing 3p at 306p, while **Commercial Union** was *steady at 607p, along with* **General Accident** at 589p.

MICHAEL CLARK



*Savings based on single cabinet prices. †Spend over £1,500 on a kitchen excluding installation. Excludes Professional Touch range, gloss and wood edge worktops and breakfast bar ranges.

WORLD MARKETS

Late rally pushes Nikkei higher

Tokyo — Shares ended moderately firmer after a last-*minute* rally by dealers. The Nikkei average extended this year's closing high, but failed to end above 20,000. The index last closed above 20,000 in March last year. Bullish sentiment remained and buying on dips supported the market, brokers reported.

Masahiko Tsuyuzaki, of Tachibana Securities, said: "Overall, price moves are becoming sluggish since issues *leading the market got too* diverse."

The Nikkei average was up 138.04 points, or 0.70 per cent, to 19,967.27, with an estimated 700 million shares traded. The broader first-section Topix index was up 9.48 points, or 0.61 per cent, to 1,568.70.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices recovered early losses and closed slightly firmer in a day of largely featureless trading, brokers said. The Hang Seng index finished 3.97 points higher at 6,285.67. Francis Wong, a vice-president at DBS Securities, said: "It has been quiet."

He added that investors were staying on the *sidelines*, waiting for fresh news on Hong Kong's political reform plans. Investors were reluctant *to make commitments* ahead of the long weekend, brokers said. The market will be closed today and Monday for the Easter holiday.

☐ **Singapore** — Share prices bounced well off their lows, but ended lower as investors took profits before the three-day weekend after a five-day run to record highs, brokers reported. One broker said: "Profit-taking was there but not aggressive. I think we will see more by the middle of next week."

The Straits Times industrial index hit an all-time high of 1,722.94 in early trading but ended at 1,718.40, down 2.8 points from Wednesday's record closing high. The index was hovering around the day's low of 1,709.17 until the last hour.

☐ **Sydney** — Australian shares rebounded at the close, powered by lower than expected unemployment figures. The unemployment rate fell to a seasonally adjusted 10.9 per cent last month from 11.1 per cent in February, the Bureau of Statistics reported.

The star performer on the market was John Fairfax Holdings, which closed at a record high after Publishing and Broadcasting Ltd, a private subsidiary of Kerry Packer, said that it owned 10.45 per cent of the voting shares. The all-ordinaries index closed up 10.8 points at 1665.7. The Sydney market will be closed today and Monday.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares closed a dull session near the bottom *of a narrow three-point range* but still hovering just above a key support line at 1,650 points on the Dax index.

Dealers reported that, in the absence of any real trading volume, the market was driven by technical factors and position-squaring ahead of the four-day Easter break, and the outlook for next week was mixed. Most blue chips closed marginally firmer in very thin pre-holiday turnover. The Dax ended 5.42 points up at 1,655.73. *(Reuter)*

Dow falters after surge

New York — After an initial surge, blue chips faltered on weakness from two compo*nents* of the Dow Jones industrial average and the market was mixed at mid-day. Favourable producer price index figures and the bond rally pushed shares up, but *drops in* ALCOA and Coca-Cola kept the Dow down. Michael Metz, of Oppenheimer and Co, said: "There is a risk-aversion attitude among portfolio managers."

The Dow was down 10.81 *points to* 3,386.21. Advancing shares inched ahead of declining isssues. Gail Dudack, of SG Warburg, said *the* Dow would end higher. "With a three-day holiday on the horizon, there is a tendency to even up." *(Reuter)*

WALL STREET

	Apr 8 midday	Apr 7 close
AMP Inc	60⅞	60¼
AMR Corp	68½	69
Abbott Labs	23¾	24¾
Aetna Life	49¾	50⅛
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19⅛
Air Prod & Chem	40⅞	41⅛
Albertson's	55½	55⅞
Alcan Alumnm	17⅛	17¼
Alco Standard	45¾	46
Allied Signal	64½	65
Alum Co of Am	59⅞	62⅝
Amax	16⅛	16⅜
Amerada Hess	54⅝	54⅞
Amer Brands	29⅞	29⅞
Amer Cyanamid	49⅛	50
Amer El Power	36⅝	36⅝
Amer Express	29	28⅝
Amer Genl Corp	32	31¼
Amer Home Pr	63⅞	63⅞
Amer Intl	128⅝	127⅞
Amer Stores	40⅛	40⅞
Amer T & T	58⅞	58
Ameritech	76⅝	77⅝
Amoco	58⅞	57⅝
Anheuser-Busch	49⅞	50⅞
Apple Computer	49⅞	50⅞
Archer Daniels	24⅛	24⅝
Arkla	9⅛	9⅛
Armco	6⅞	6⅞
Armstrng Wrld	32⅝	32
Asarco	20⅞	20⅞
Ashland Oil	26⅝	26⅞
Atl Richfield	123⅝	122⅝
Auto Data Pro	50⅞	50⅞
Avery Dennison	28⅝	28⅝
Avon Products	60⅛	59⅝
Baker Hughes	24⅝	24⅞
Baltim Gas & El	25⅞	25⅞
Banc One	57⅞	57⅞
BankAmerica	51⅛	51
Bank of NY	57⅞	56⅝
Bankers Tr NY	73⅝	72
Barnett Banks	47⅞	46⅞
Bausch & Lomb	51⅛	52⅞
Baxter Intl	27⅞	28⅞
Becton Dicknsn	32⅞	33⅝
Bell Atlantic	54⅝	55
BellSouth	55⅝	55⅝
Black & Decker	17⅞	17⅝
Block (H&R)	34⅝	34⅞
Boeing	36⅞	36⅞
Boise Cascade	25	25⅞
Borden Inc	25⅞	26
Bristol Myrs Sq	57⅞	58⅝
Browning Ferris	26⅝	27
Burlington Nthn	52	52⅞
CBS	224⅞	223⅝
CNA Financial	96	95⅝
CPC Intl	41⅛	42⅝
CSX	70⅞	69⅞
Campbell Soup	39⅝	39⅝
Can Pacific	15⅞	15⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	533⅞	537
Cpd Holdings	79⅝	78⅞
Carolina Pwr	32⅞	32⅞
Caterpillar	59⅞	59⅝
Central & SW	32⅝	32⅝
Champion Intl	30⅝	30⅝
Chase Manhat	35⅞	35⅝
Chemical Bk	40⅞	40⅞
Chevron Corp	84⅞	84⅞
Chrysler	41⅝	41⅝
Chubb Corp	93⅝	93⅞
Cigna Corp	60⅝	60⅝
Citicorp	29⅝	29⅝
Clorox	47⅝	47⅝
Coastal Corp	27⅝	27
Coca Cola	38	39⅝
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅞	60
Columbia Gas	21⅛	21⅝
Commonw Ed	27⅝	27⅝
Compaq Comp	49	50⅞
Comp Ass Intl	23⅝	23⅞
Conagra	23⅝	22⅝
Cons Edison	35⅞	35⅝
Cons Nat Gas	50⅝	51⅝
Cons Rail	55⅝	55⅞
Cooper Inds	46⅞	47
Corning Inc	32⅝	32⅝
Crown Cork	38⅝	38⅝
Dana Corp	46	45⅝
Dayton Hudson	77⅝	78⅝
Deere	55⅞	55
Delta Air Lines	56⅞	57⅞
Deluxe Corp	43⅝	43⅞
Detroit Edison	34⅝	34⅞
Digital Equip	47⅞	43⅝
Dillard Dept St	41⅝	41⅝
Disney (Walt)	40⅞	41⅝
Dominion Res	43⅞	43⅝
Donelley (RR)	28⅝	28⅝
Dover Corp	47⅝	47⅝
Dow Chemicals	50⅝	50⅞
Dow Jones	32⅞	32⅞
Dresser	21⅛	21⅝
Duke Power	39⅝	39⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅞	58⅞
Du Pont	49⅞	50⅝
Eastman Kodak	54⅞	54⅞
Eaton Corp	87⅞	86

	Apr 8 midday	Apr 7 close
Emerson Elec	61¼	61
Engelhard Corp	38¼	40
Enron Corp	61	61½
Entergy Corp	36⅛	36
Ethyl Corp	28⅝	28⅞
Exxon	68⅝	66⅞
FMC Corp	46⅞	46⅞
FPL Group	37⅞	37⅞
Federal Express	54⅝	54⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	79⅝	79⅞
First Chicago	41⅛	41⅛
First Interstate	59⅝	59
First Union Rlty	11⅛	11⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	36⅛	36
Fluor Corp	42⅛	42⅝
Ford Motor	54⅛	54⅞
GTE Corp	36	37⅞
Gannett	52⅝	52⅝
Gap Inc Del	29	29⅞
Gen Cinema	35⅝	35⅛
Gen Dynamics	98⅞	98⅞
Gen Electric	91⅛	91⅛
Gen Mills	65⅞	66⅛
Gen Motors	39⅝	39⅝
Gen Reinsurance	113⅝	115
Gen Signal	62	62⅞
Genuine Parts	35	34⅞
Georgia Pac	59⅝	59⅝
Gillette	55⅝	56⅞
Glaxo ADR	17⅞	17⅞
Goodrich (BF)	48⅝	48⅞
Goodyear Tire	76⅞	75⅝
Grace (W&R)	39⅞	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25⅞	25⅝
Great Wstn Fin	18⅝	18⅞
Halliburton	37	37⅞
Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	37⅞
Hercules	75⅝	75⅞
Hershey Foods	49⅝	50⅞
Hewlett Packard	74	73⅝
Hilton Hotels	44⅞	45
Home Depot	56⅝	58
Homestake	13⅝	14⅞
Honeywell	33⅞	33⅛
Household Intl	69⅝	68⅞
Houston Inds	47⅞	47⅞
Humana	7	7
ITT Corp	78⅝	78⅞
Illinois Tool	72⅞	72⅞
INCO	22⅝	23⅝
Ingersoll Rand	30⅝	30⅞
Inland Steel	21⅝	22⅞
Intel Corp	113⅝	114
IBM	51⅛	52⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	112⅝	112⅝
Intl Paper	62⅞	62⅛
James River Va	18⅝	19⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	38⅞	40
K Mart	22⅞	22⅝
Kellogg	55⅝	57
Kerr-McGee	48⅝	49⅝
Kimberly-Clark	52⅞	53
Knight-Ridder	55⅝	55⅞
Lilly (Eli)	46	46⅝
Limited Inc	23	22⅞
LIN Brdcstng	80⅞	81⅛
Lincoln Nat	80⅞	81⅞
Litton	54⅛	53⅞
Liz Claiborne	36⅛	36⅝
Lockheed Corp	62⅞	62⅞
Louisiana Pac	70⅝	69⅞
MCI Commun	45⅛	44⅞
Marriott	25⅛	25⅝
Marsh & McLen	94	94⅞
Martin Marietta	73⅛	73⅛
Masco Corp	31	31
May Dept St	76⅝	75⅝
Maytag Corp	13⅞	13⅛
McCaw Cellular	36⅞	37
McDonalds	50⅝	50⅝
McDonnell D	58⅞	58⅝
McGraw Hill	62⅝	62⅝
Mead Corp	40⅞	41
Medtronic	56⅝	60
Mellon Bk	63⅝	61⅝
Melville Corp	46	46⅞
Merck Inc	33⅝	34
Merrill Lynch	69⅞	69⅞
Minnesota Mine	110⅞	111⅛
Mobil Corp	70⅝	70⅛
Monsanto	51⅛	50⅞
Morgan (JP)	68⅝	67⅝
Motorola Inc	68⅛	68⅞
Natl Medical	8⅞	8⅞
Natl Semd	13⅝	13
Natl Service Ind	24⅞	24⅝
Navistar Int	2⅝	2⅝
NBD Bancorp	35⅞	35⅝
NY Times A	30⅞	31
Newmont Mng	43⅝	43⅛
Niag Mohawk	22	22
Nike B	72⅝	72⅛
NL Industries	5⅞	5⅛
Nordstrom	30	29⅝
Norfolk Sthn	63	63⅞
Nthn State Pwr	45⅝	45⅝
Norwest Corp	53⅝	52
Nynex Corp	89⅞	89⅞
Occidental Pet	22⅞	23
Ohio Edison	25	25⅝

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Oracle Systems	36	35⅞
Oryx Energy Co	23⅛	23⅝
PNC Financial	34	33⅞
PPG Industries	66⅝	66⅛
Paccar Inc	63⅞	64
Pacificorp	18⅞	19⅛
Pac Enterprises	24⅞	24⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	34⅞	34⅝
Pac Telesis	47⅞	47⅝
Pall Corp	18	17⅝
Panhandle East	22⅞	23
Paramnt Comm	50⅝	50⅝
Parker Hannifin	30⅝	30⅞
Penney (JC)	87⅞	86⅝
Pennzoil	57⅝	58⅝
Pepsico	38⅛	39⅞
Pfizer	58	58⅛
Phelps Dodge	44	44
Philadel Elec	30	30
Philip Morris	46⅝	47⅞
Phillips Pet	29⅞	29⅞
Pitney Bowes	42⅛	42⅛
Polaroid	28⅞	28⅞
Price Co	31⅛	31⅛
Primerica	45⅝	45⅝
Procter & Gmbl	47⅞	46⅝
Pub Serv E & G	33⅛	33⅝
Quaker Oats	61⅞	62⅝
Ralston Purina	46⅛	47⅞
Raychem Corp	39⅞	39⅛
Raytheon	57⅝	57⅞
Reebok Intl	34⅛	34⅝
Reynolds Metals	42⅝	45⅛
Roadway Srvcs	62⅞	63⅝
Rockwell Intl	32	31⅛
Rohm & Haas	54⅞	54⅝
Royal Dutch	90⅞	90⅝
Rubbermaid	32⅞	32⅝
Safeco Corp	62⅝	62⅝
St Paul's Cos	79⅝	79⅞
Salomon Inc	38⅛	38⅞
Santa Fe S Pac	15⅝	15⅝
Sara Lee Corp	25⅞	25⅞
Scecorp	47⅞	47⅞
Schering Plough	56	57⅞
Schlumberger	63⅝	64⅞
Scott Paper	34⅝	35⅞
Seagram	26⅞	27
Sears Roebuck	52⅝	51⅛
Shell Trans	54⅝	54⅝
Sherwin Wlms	32⅞	33
Skyline Corp	19⅞	20
Snap-On-Tools	34⅛	33⅝
Southern Co	43⅝	43
Sthwestern Bell	76⅞	77
Sprint Corp	31⅛	30⅝
Stanley Works	46⅛	47⅛
Sun Company	24⅞	24⅛
Suntrust	47⅛	46⅝
Supervalu	29⅛	30
Synnex Corp	17⅝	18⅝
Sysco Corp	23⅛	24
TRW Inc	63⅛	63⅝
Tandem Comp	10⅛	11⅛
Tandy Corp	29⅞	31⅝
Telecom Corp	2⅛	2⅛
Teledyne	22⅝	22⅝
Temple Inland	45⅛	45⅞
Tenneco	44⅛	44⅞
Texaco	63⅛	64⅛
Texas Inst	56⅛	54⅛
Texas Utilities	47⅞	46⅝
Textron	46⅛	47⅞
Time Warner	32⅛	31⅛
Times-Mirror	31⅝	31⅝
Timken	30	29⅝
Torchmark	58⅝	59⅞
Toys R Us	38⅛	39⅞
Transamerica	54	54⅞
Travelers Corp	26⅝	26⅝
Tribune	54⅛	54
Tyco Labs	43⅝	44⅛
UAL Corp	137⅝	137
UST Inc	26⅛	26⅛
USX Marathon	19⅞	19⅝
Unilever NV	113⅝	113⅞
Union Camp	41⅝	42⅞
Union Carbide	17⅞	18
Union Pacific	63⅞	63⅝
Unisys Corp	13⅝	13
USAIR Group	23⅛	24⅞
USF&G Corp	16⅝	16⅝
US Life	37⅞	37⅝
US West	43	43⅝
United Tech	48⅞	48⅞
Unocal Corp	29⅞	30
Upjohn	28⅝	28⅝
VF Corp	47⅝	47⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	28⅝	27⅝
Warner-Lambert	67⅛	69
Waste Mgmnt Inc	30⅝	31⅞
Wells Fargo	109⅝	107⅝
Westinghouse El	15	14⅝
Weyerhaeuser	41⅞	42⅞
Whirlpool	54⅞	53⅝
Whitman	14⅞	14⅝
Winn Dixie	58⅞	58⅞
Woolworth	30⅝	31
Wrigley (Wml Jr	32⅝	32⅝
Xerox	79⅞	79⅛

NEW ISSUES

Anglo United Wts	½	...
David Lloyd Leisure (150)	176	...
Fleming Emerging Mkts	103	...
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Frgn & Col US Smler Wts	41	...
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Holliday Chemical (195)	213	...
Motor World (210)	263	...
Pilot Investment Trust	97½	...
Pilot Investment Wts	27	...
Quality Software Prods	480	-4
Schroder Split Fd	104½	...
Schroder Split Fd Cap	20	...
Schroder Split 0 Div Pf	101½	...
Wts & Value Inv Tst (25)	25½	...
Yorkshire Food (110)	135	+2

RIGHTS ISSUES

BBA n/p (142)	7	+2
BSG n/p (62)	1½	...
Bilston & Bttrsea n/p	9	...
Clyde Petroleum n/p (44)	3½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

SG Warburg	649p (+9p)
VSEL	635p (+10p)
Lloyds Abbey	423p (+9p)
Carlton Comm	747p (+9p)
Man Utd	437p (+20p)
Independent	480p (+10p)
Thomson Corp	795p (+10p)
BAT	887p (+13p)
British Airways	283p (+10½p)
Eurotunnel Units	470p (+8p)
Danka Bs Sys	625p (+10p)
Tibbet & Britten	*690p (+15p)*
ADT	590p (+10p)
Cable & Wireless	730p (+10p)

FALLS:

Glaxo	572p (-12p)
More O'Ferrall	241p (-9p)
Capita Group	459p (-13p)
Welpac	30p (-8p)
BICC	343p (-13p)
Charter Cons	628p (-13p)

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BRITISH FUNDS

GOVERNMENT securities rallied from a hesitant start, cheered by a firmer performance by the pound against the mark and a strong US long bond.

On the futures market, the June series of the long gilt touched £106 11/32, before bouncing to close 12 ticks better at £106 31/32. Turnover reached 24,000 contracts. A large cross operation of about 8,000 contracts helped to swell the final figure.

Demand in the afternoon was such that the Bank of England was able to supply further limited tranches of Funding 3½ per cent 1994-2004 issued last week along with three other series. Brokers say that the government's aggressive funding programme had helped back the rest of the market.

It was the long end that made most of the running in the cash market. Treasury 9 per cent 2012 hardened 10 ticks to £107⅛, while in shorts Exchequer 9¾ per cent firmed five ticks at £111½.

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
103	101	Treas 12¼% 1993	101	-	12.28	5.62
100	99	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	5.99	5.69
106	104	Treas 13¾% 1993	104	-	13.10	5.53
102	101	Treas 8½% 1994	102	-	8.31	5.57
107	107	Treas 14½% 1994	107	-	13.47	5.54
109	107	Exch 13½% 1994	107 xd	...	12.51	5.60
105	104	Treas 10% 1994	104	...	9.55	5.72
110	108	Exch 12½% 1994	108	-	11.50	5.81
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	104	...	8.60	5.86
111	109	Treas 12% 1995	110	...	10.90	5.97
96	94	*Gas 3% 1990-95*	96 †	...	3.12	5.04
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	108	...	9.43	6.05
116	114	Treas 12¾% 1995	115 xd	...	11.05	6.19
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	119	...	11.76	6.37
125	122	Treas 15¼% 1996	123 xd	...	12.31	6.50
120	116	Exch 13¼% 1996	118 xd	+	11.18	6.55
111	109	Conv 10% 1996	110 xd	+	9.02	6.56
122	119	Treas 13¼% 1997	121	+	10.93	6.77
113	110	Exch 10½% 1997	112	+	9.32	6.71
108	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	+	8.13	6.70
132	128	Exch 15% 1997	130 †	+	11.47	6.97
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	...	8.75	6.89
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	102	+	7.09	6.69
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100 †	...	6.73	6.67
138	134	Treas 15½% 1998	137	...	11.31	7.17
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	121	...	9.89	7.28
112	108	Treas 9½% 1999	111	...	8.55	7.09
124	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	123	...	9.95	7.35
117	113	Treas 10½% 1999	115	+	9.07	7.23
117	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	115	+	8.89	7.27
110	106	Conv 9% 2000	109	+	8.23	7.21
131	125	Treas 13% 2000	129	+	10.06	7.46
115	109	Treas 10% 2001	114	+	8.76	7.57
129	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	127	-	10.94	7.34
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	113	...	8.61	7.72
103	97	Treas 8% 2003	102	+	7.82	7.66
116	109	Treas 10% 2003	114	+	8.71	7.86

1992/93 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
122	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	121	...	9.49	7.85
74	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72	...	4.80	7.03
112	105	Conv 9½% 2004	111 xd	+	8.53	7.94
112	105	Conv 9½% 2005	111 xd	+	8.52	7.96
131	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129	+	9.62	8.20
101	94	*Treas 8% 2002-06*	100	+	7.94	7.92
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123	+	9.48	8.14
104	97	Treas 8½% 2007	103	+	8.22	8.07
139	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	137	+	9.80	8.18
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
108	101	Treas 9% 2008	107 xd	-	8.36	8.09
99	92	Treas 8% 2009	98	+	8.10	8.14
108	100	Conv 9% 2011	106	+	8.42	8.24
108	100	Treas 9% 2012	107	+	8.41	8.26
76	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	+	7.25	7.95
97	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95	+	8.12	8.19
135	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	133	+	8.96	8.48
105	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	+	8.39	8.32
		UNDATED				
48	43	Consols 4%	47	+	8.38	...
42	38	War LN 3½%	41	...	8.37	...
63	60	Conv 3½%	62	...	5.58	...
31	28	Consols 2½%	31	-	8.00	...
30	27	Treas 2½%	30	+	8.33	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	133	...	...	0.88
197	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	196	...	1.70	2.42
109	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108 xd	...	2.09	2.65
166	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166	-	2.66	2.99
163	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	163	-	2.79	3.06
111	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	111 †	-	2.90	3.17
170	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	170	...	2.96	3.18
154	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153	-	3.17	3.36
159	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	-	3.34	3.42
131	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	-	3.31	3.46
139	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	139	-	3.36	3.51
133	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133 †	-	3.42	3.55
111	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	-	3.46	3.58
111	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	110	-	3.47	3.60

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Chocolate rivals struggle to satisfy Europe's sweet tooth

Jon Ashworth traces the efforts of multinationals to take as big a bite as possible of a European market worth £8 billion — and still growing

By the time you finish this sentence, sweet-toothed Britons will have eaten another £500 worth of chocolate. UK retail sales reached £2.9 billion last year — or just under £100 a second — with Easter and Christmas worth £750 million between them. To an ambitious multinational, this level of spending is the corporate equivalent of waving a creamy chocolate bar in front of a famished schoolboy. But five years after Nestlé bought Rowntree, there are few companies left to buy.

The European chocolate industry is huge, which means big profits for the groups that dominate the market. Five companies speak for two-thirds of the European chocolate market: Nestlé of Switzerland, the world's biggest packaged foods group, Mars and Philip Morris of America (through Suchard), Ferrero of Italy and Cadbury-Schweppes of the UK.

Germany is Europe's biggest market, followed by the UK and France. There are tremendous regional variations. Nestlé Rowntree, Mars and Cadbury control 83 per cent of the UK market. Suchard and Ferrero are the biggest players in Germany. Cadbury is the market leader in Britain with 31 per cent but is less well known in continental Europe where tastes lean towards darker, more bitter chocolate.

The newcomer on the scene is Philip Morris, best known for Marlboro cigarettes. Two acquisitions in the late 1980s thrust it into the food industry and the merged subsidiary that evolved, Kraft General Foods International (KGFI), set out on the takeover trail with a vengeance. In August 1990, KGFI paid $3.8 billion for Jacobs Suchard, the Swiss maker of Toblerone, Milka and Côte d'Or. In 1992, it bid $1.5 billion for Freia Marabou, the Norwegian confectionery group which makes the Dime bar. Final regulatory approval for the deal is expected soon. Last month, KGFI snapped up Terry's of York from United Biscuits for £220 million.

Cadbury has been broadening its European base but is wary of paying over the odds. It broke into France with the purchase of Chocolat Poulain in 1987 and last year won a foothold in Germany by taking a 70 per cent stake in Piasten in Bavaria. In Spain, it owns Chocolates Hueso. David Wellings, managing director confectionary, said Europe remained a "hunting ground" but only at the right price. He said: "We will not pay over the odds."

Mr Wellings, who succeeds Dominic Cadbury as group chief executive next month, said Europe was a fiercely competitive market in which margins tended to be lower than in the UK. Cadbury's European operations contribute £16 million to operating profits.

KFGI remains active. In December, Suchard bought Csemege Confectionery, Hungary's largest chocolate producer. It has also purchased Figaro, a small company in Slovakia and last year increased its stake in Greece's largest confectioner to 100 per cent. Effort is being put into developing brands such as Suchard's Milka.

KGFI said: "We saw Freia Marabou as an opportunity for us to take Milka into Scandinavia and Freia into Europe. Terry's is a well-established business. We're not just picking up these businesses but making sure they get integrated." That leads back to the question of where KGFI and its rivals go from here. They could follow Mars; taking a few popular brands and expanding through sales growth. Or they could opt for the bolt-on acquisition approach, snatching up companies such as Terry's and looking to the new markets of eastern Europe.

Clive Richardson, food analyst at Henderson Crosthwaite, the stockbroker, said: "Over the last 20 years, the whole industry has been consolidating. A lot of big players have been rationalising manufacturing and expanding brands. Mars is the most pan-European of all players. It has concentrated on building up a strong portfolio in Mars and Twix, although there are signs that its market share is being eroded. Others like Cadbury and Ferrero have started to play the same game." Nestlé paid £2.5 billion for Rowntree in 1988 and gained a strong foothold in the UK with brands such as Kit Kat, Aero and Quality Street. Finding a new target remains the dilemma. Cadbury is an obvious choice, but monopoly restrictions rule out Nestlé and Philip Morris appears to have lost interest.

Many European chocolate groups are family owned with little interest in selling. Ferrero of Italy is a classic example. Lindt, the Swiss group, is partly family owned. Possible targets include Ritter and Imhoff, medium-sized German companies, but it may be easier for the bigger groups to take market share from them rather than make a bid.

Now that Terry's has fallen, an apparent UK candidate is Thorntons, Europe's biggest luxury chocolate maker and retailer. However, the Thornton family holds just under 50 per cent of the shares, effectively blocking hostile overtures. Thorntons' pre-tax profits slipped to £9.2 million (£11.9 million) in the year to June 27, 1992, on turnover of £84 million (£79.9 million). Profits in the six months to January 9 were £7.02 million (£7.16 million).

Thorntons has built up a network of 442 UK shops and has a growing presence in France and Belgium. It had sales of £5.3 million in France in the last half year with shops in Paris and Bordeaux. It owns Gartner Praline, a Belgian luxury range, and continues to launch new products.

A notable absentee from the European scene is Hershey Foods, the American group. It was tipped as a rival to KGFI in the Freia Maribou takeover, but apart from buying Gubor Schokladen, a German group, in 1991, Hersey has remained on the sidelines. It is the licensed distributor of Kit Kat and Dime in America.

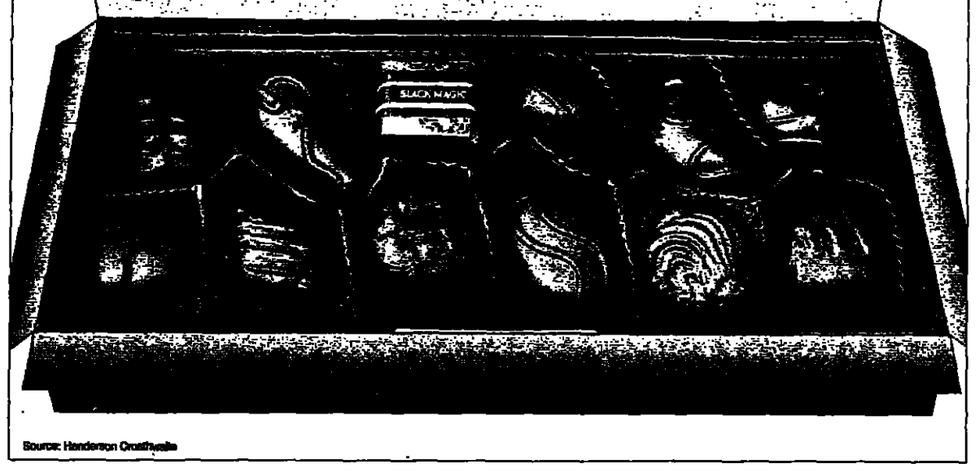
As Europe's second biggest chocolate market, the UK can hardly be ignored. Last year's increase in sales was driven by price inflation rather than any real growth in volume. John Taylor, marketing director of Cadbury, said the market actually stood still in 1992 after growing at more than 2 per cent a year for the past ten years. He said: "Historically, chocolate has always been fairly recession-resilient. Even when times are tough, people will still spend on chocolate, but economic conditions were difficult last year."

The UK population consumed 500,000 tonnes of chocolate last year and spent an average of £1 per head a week. Christmas is the single most important sales period of the year, but the run-up to Easter, including Mothering Sunday and Valentine's Day, is equally important. Sales of Easter chocolate lines grew 20 per cent last year to £230 million, compared with £500 million at Christmas.

Despite holding the biggest chunk of the UK market, Cadbury does not have the top selling brand. That is Nestlé's Kit Kat, with sales of £200 million, followed by the Mars Bar, with sales of more than £120 million. Next, with more than £80 million in sales, is are Cadbury's Dairy Milk and Roses, and Mars' Twix. The quest for high-selling brands means the dominant companies are constantly searching for the next chocolate sensation.

EUROPEAN CHOCOLATE CONFECTIONERY MANUFACTURERS
Market shares per cent 1992

	Europe	UK	Germany	France	Italy	Spain	Benelux	Scandinavia	Other
Nestlé	20	26	13	27	24	35	10	2	25
Mars	16	28	16	11	2	5	14	2	20
Suchard	18	7	19	15	2	10	27	34	30
Cadbury	10	31	1	8		15			5
Ferrero	10	2	18	6	32		4		2
Lindt	4		5	10	3	5	5		5
Imhoff	4		11				5		
Other	18	6	17	23	37	30	35	62	13
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Value	£9.0bn	£2.0bn	£2.5bn	£1.2bn	£0.6bn	£0.2bn	£0.4bn	£0.6bn	£0.5bn
Concentration Top 3 (%)	52	83	53	53	60	80	51	54	75



Source: Henderson Crosthwaite

TEMPUS

Nothing ventured

THE tale of the botched flotation of 3i Group, the venture capitalist, offers an insight into the mismanagement at the heart of the British banking system. Dozens of times, representatives from NatWest, Barclays, the Bank of England, Lloyds, Midland and others sat round a table to agree terms for the float. Each time, after hours of wrangling, they left without a tangible agreement.

The banks' unwillingness to sell their shares in 3i deserves som sympathy. Despite a high exposure to the small and medium-sized firms which have borne the brunt of the recession, 3i has managed to maintain its net asset value, reduce costs and improve profitability in the past three years. Few of its shareholders can match that, and the performance should improve as the economy recovers.

In all other respects the banks' decision to postpone the float indefinitely is puzzling. While the banks may have been forced to sell their shares on a wider discount than they had originally hoped, any comparison with Electra is forced. A skilful marketing campaign would have ensured that fund managers compared Electra to the benchmark of the much larger 3i, not the other way round.

As 3i grows, it increasingly competes with the banks' owns venture capital and small business service operations, which could one day create conflicts of interest. Meanwhile, the banks' balances would have been bolstered by additional capital from a float. At least the decision is a vote of confidence in the economy. The banks prefer to retain their investment in the small business sector rather than offer it to outsiders. But their potential gain is the market's — and 3i's — loss.

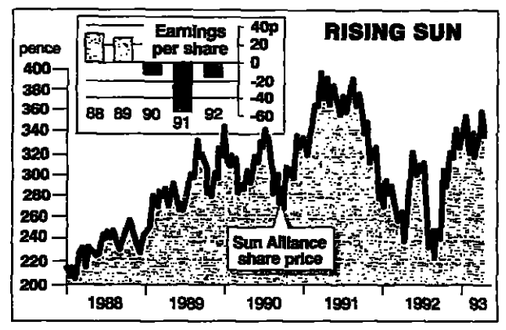
Sun Alliance

SUN Alliance has paid dear for its once-held belief that it was too robust to need reinsurance. The losses of the last three years have more than halved its once-indomitable solvency margins.

Unfortunately, the group's change in policy has come too late to stem its losses from domestic mortgage indemnity. These fell from £320 million to £186 million last year, but were still equivalent to 143 per cent of the group's loss. Claims will continue to diminish as the economy recovers, but are likely to remain above £100 million a year as late as 1995.

These DMI losses will offset the recovery in the rest of the group, and while Sun should recover to a profit of more than £50 million this year, it will still need to raid its reserves to paid the £115 million cost of an unchanged 14.25p dividend.

This will constrain Sun in its expansion of premium income, and allow other groups, particularly Commercial Union with the proceed of last month's rights issue, to capture market share. The stock market however does not seem to value the difference in the two group's prospects. Sun is trading around forecast net asset value and a 5.1 per cent prospective yield, on a 20 per cent tax charge. Commercial Union's shares are on a 5 per cent premium to assets and a prospective yield of 5 per cent. Given the latter's additional resources and its absence from the DMI market, that is a small price to pay.



France

THE currency markets had expected Edouard Balladur, the new French prime minister, to make a full commitment to the franc fort, so they were profoundly unmoved by the contents of his first policy speech, although the Paris bourse did not take kindly to his suggestion of an increase in indirect taxes.

Currency speculators may be less sanguine when they consider the contents of the speech. It is difficult to reconcile M Balladur's plan to reinforce the ERM and his simultaneous promises to reduce unemployment and the budget deficit.

To achieve all these goals, the French government must still pin its hopes on the Bundesbank to make substantial, repeated cuts in the discount rate. Such cuts will not be forthcoming if the Bundesbank's miserly four basis-point cut in the repo rate yesterday is any measure.

From the British perspective, M Balladur's commitment to an independent Bank of France makes the British government appear increasingly out of touch in its determination to keep the Bank of England beholden to the Treasury. An independent Bank of France, however, may not manage interest rate policy the way M Balladur wants. With the Bundesbank still playing safe and the French government's budget deficit climbing steeply, France's main intervention rate is likely to remain high for some time. Under those circumstances either M Balladur's commitment to the ERM or his pledge of economic recovery will have to give.

TSW/UK Safety

LIFE never turns out how you expect, as TSW shareholders will testify. Having invested in a television broadcaster, they could now find themselves owning shares in a group that supplies boots to the British Army. But then television has always been one of the riskier sectors of the stock market.

It may not be glamorous, but the reverse takeover by UK Safety is probably not a bad option considering the alternatives. Shareholders could have been waiting for years for the proceeds of any liquidation and would probably not have realised the notional net asset value of 50.8p a share. The TSW directors could have bought a business they knew little about and run it themselves, but wisely decided against it. Or the group could have been taken over by a listed company that wanted to get its hands on its cash balance of over £10 million, but would have been unwilling to pay much to do so.

This way, shareholders get the choice to retain their investment in a company that may not be exciting but at least has a future, or to take the escape route by selling up when trading resumes next month.

As befits its name, UK Safety does not have a dramatic profit record. Pre-tax profit of £1.4 million last year is barely up on 1990, although with most of its customers in industry and defence that is unsurprising. More comforting are the dividend prospects. On the basis of the last accounts the historic gross yield for the enlarged group would have been a respectable 6.3 per cent.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Coutts calls in ghostbuster

THE headless Elizabethan apparition that stalked the corridors of Coutts & Co's head office in The Strand for several months, terrifying receptionists in the atrium, has departed. The elaborate ministrations of Eddie Burks, a retired civil engineer who specialises in exorcising spirits trapped in limbo by their own burning resentment at the injustice of death, freed the discarnate entity a month ago. The ghost, who has been identified provisionally as Thomas Howard, the 4th Duke of Norfolk, was beheaded just round the corner from the Coutts building 1572 after disobeying Queen Elizabeth's orders not to marry Mary Queen of Scots, then captive in England. Burks, 70, however, has been unable to dispatch the hundreds of American journalists and broadcasters who have been pestering the publicity-shy bank for interviews. Coutts, apparently unable to find a ghostbuster able to thwart the journalistic spirit, blames the anxiety, humiliation and resentment of the dead Elizabethan nobleman on inadequate financial advice. A spokesman jokes: "He died 120 years before Coutts was founded. Clearly, he missed the services of our personal account managers." There is no point revisiting the bank, in that case. Only men of substance bank at Coutts.

Waste not . . .

THE enterprise culture has gripped the tiny community of Wombleton, near Kirkby-moorside, North Yorkshire, where even waste is no longer allowed to rest in peace. Until recently, everything dumped by the public at the county council's tip was dispatched to a large hole in the ground at nearby Thornton le Dale. But that was before the council contracted a local firm to operate the tip. Yesterday, one of its employees was busy selling items of "rubbish" he had retrieved from the skips, among them a cast iron bed, a hi-fi and five vacuum cleaners (at £5 each).

Wearing well

VIVE la difference! Any struggling entrepreneur troubled by a sneaking suspicion that traditional British stiff-upper-lip stoicism has become the latest victim of recession and government malaise might find some cheer this Easter weekend with the news that at least the French still think Britain is suffering its economic woes without a whimper or a whinge. The French edition of *Elle* magazine reports: "True, swinging London has known better days, but while our compatriots shudder at the least sign of recession, the British, who learned long ago to rebuild on ruins, are taking things much more philosophically . . . Not an evening passes in Chelsea or Notting Hill Gate without invitations to a party or the opening of a bar or club . . . In the City, you see businessmen talking over a bottle of good Chablis until five in the afternoon. After all, what would they do back at the office? There is no more business. But let's keep calm, their suits are cut from resistant cloth, which will wear well until the next upturn." Depression? What depression?



Select words

BUILDING society wags tell me the latest Cheltenham & Gloucester annual report is one to treasure for the sheer volume of flatteringly selective quotes about itself, and the way the euphoria fades when the comments are fitted back into context. Take page 14 and *Banking World's* partly quoted sentence: ". . . the society's pro-active approach to financial services makes its management quality the envy of other organisations". Just three little words were missing: "On the positive side", which implies a preceding negative comment. Sure enough, the article, a survey of executives' and analysts' opinions noted that Cheltenham & Gloucester finished last in the community and environmental responsibility category. Hardly the kind of thing to put in an annual report.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

BUSINESS LETTERS

Insurance losses have little to do with global warming

From Mr J. A. Clark

Sir, Your article on the effects of global warming on the insurance industry (April 5) really should send shivers down the spine — not of the insurers but of scientists who are trying to inform the public about the *real risks* of global warming, but have obviously not succeeded. Global warming is a likely consequence of man's activities, but the informed judgment is that recent weather patterns are still within the range of natural variability, and that global warming will only become distinguishable from the "noise" of the "weather" over the next 20 to 50 years.

The causes of recent excess losses by insurers are therefore likely to have little to do with global warming, and result in part from the insurance companies' own imperfections and in part from our limited knowledge of *current* weather patterns. As with many financial (and other) institutions, insurance companies are run mostly by people who feel safe in a herd. In good times the herd compete for business at a profit, and in bad times they compete for business until they make a thundering loss, *and* until someone (ultimately, aggrieved shareholders!) tells them to stop. After all, it is not their own money they are losing, and if they stop competing they don't get paid. The fact that property insurance is weather related just introduces an uncontrolled variable which adds to the risks and the losses — and the excuses. Consequently, what is needed to reduce such losses is, largely, greater caution in the business activity, but better statistical assessments of the weather risks would help. Blaming losses on global warming does not.

Actuaries are very good at assessing the risks of the life insurance market, for which they have a large data base. The problem with weather-related business is that the statistics of the risk are based on small samples and imperfect data. Even in the UK there are only about 100 years of good weather data, and for most parts of the world the sequence of records is much shorter. Considering the number of relevant weather variables (rain and flood risks, drought, storms, high and low temperatures, snow), and that there are 12 months in the year, it should be a normal expectation that one or more weather 'records' are broken at most observation sites every year. Record weather is therefore "normal", and insurers should expect it. Only persistent records in one direction and statistically significant changes in means will indicate that global warming has arrived. In the meantime, insurers just need to show the caution they urge on their customers.

Yours faithfully,
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ICI pointer to return on investment

From Mr Charles Williams

Sir, George Sivell's article about ICI (April 5) casts light on an important factor in Britain's economic performance, but one about which little is written — the return on investment required by leading companies. The long term real rate of return from equities has been shown to be about 10 per cent, pointing to a nominal return currently of around 15 per cent. Debt is, as would be expected, less expensive and ICI's sterling Eurobond, with 10 years to maturity, has a gross redemption yield of under 9 per cent.

Chief executives may demand a high prospective return on proposed capital investment in order to counter bias in favour of schemes by those who put them forward. How, though, can Mr Hempel justify only retaining those businesses which provide an ex-post return some 10 per cent greater than his company's likely weighted average cost of capital and around 15 per cent higher than what he can expect to get in the money market?

It would be interesting to know what returns the German chemical companies require from their operating subsidiaries.

Yours faithfully,
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Unearned income

From Mr J. M. D. Tomlinson.

Sir, In view of last year's massive loss by Barclays Bank, the bonus payment to the chief executive of BZW must surely become the classical definition of "unearned income".

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Mastertrust	113.20	121.00	+0.40	1.03
International	85.15	90.56	-0.62	.99
Dividend Gth	56.19	59.77	+0.06	4.70
Global Gth Sec	61.18	65.08	+0.10	2.66
Ethical Growth	63.85	67.92	+0.20	2.58
High Inc Equity	146.70	156.00r	...	5.10
Worldwide Bond	262.00	277.80	+2.00	4.36
Gilts Fixed Int	130.50	138.30r	+0.20	5.95

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ
0224 633070
Dealing: 0800 833580
30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ
071 374 6801

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	41.95	44.31r	+0.22	1.91
European	78.82	83.52	-0.23	...
European Inc	76.11	81.13r	-0.29	1.85
Exempt	875.10	903.30r	+2.60	3.40
Extra Inc	41.87	45.55r	+0.08	5.52
F East Emerg Ec	79.99	86.12	-0.25	0.75

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL
0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	365.00	390.10r	-0.20	4.31
Equity Inc	205.90	220.10r	+0.50	4.14
High Yield	229.80	245.60	-0.50	4.23
Balanced	622.10	665.00	+0.80	2.81
American Inc	47.52	50.79	-0.25	3.35
Wld Asset Val	38.17	40.80	-0.17	2.01
Japan	178.10	189.60	+1.00	0.01
Secs of Am	399.30	424.80	-2.80	0.47

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1GD.
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	305.40	324.90	+0.50	2.86
-do- Inc	218.90	232.90	+0.40	2.86
Higher Inc Acc	559.80	595.60	+1.40	3.78
-do- Inc	345.40	367.50	+0.90	3.78
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	175.30	185.10r	-0.20	6.06
-do- Inc	91.90	97.06r	-0.11	6.06
Nth America	246.50	262.30	+2.10	...
Far East	282.00	300.10	+3.50	0.17
Europe	216.40	230.30r	-0.50	1.03
General Inc	414.50	441.00r	+1.30	2.52
-do- Acc	465.00	494.10r	+1.40	2.52
Brit Excell	61.84	65.79	-0.09	2.87
Brit Fndmtls Inc	64.95	69.10r	+0.17	5.05
Brit Fndmtls Acc	83.72	89.07r	+0.21	5.05
Global Opps	69.91	74.38	+0.50	0.11

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15
081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	103.60	110.90	...	3.14
Euro Gth Inc	111.80	118.50	+0.20	1.00
Extra Inc	100.90	107.90r	...	5.48
General	233.40	249.60r	+0.40	3.46
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.17	60.15r	+0.11	8.61
Income	467.30	499.80	-0.50	4.98

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	88.73	94.28	+0.69	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	113.50	121.70	+0.60	...
Convertibles	51.67	55.26r	+0.05	6.90
Eastern	169.50	182.30	+0.20	1.60
Equity Income	80.84	86.00	+0.10	6.20
European Gth	226.80	241.30	+0.10	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	149.00	158.90	-0.30	1.90
Exempt	80.74	82.93	-1.11	3.60
German Growth	54.83	58.50	+0.17	0.70
Global Growth	106.40	113.40	+0.80	...
Japan Growth	187.90	201.40	-1.50	...
Japan Sunrise	159.10	169.70	-3.60	...
Portfolio	114.70	122.80r	+0.20	3.20
-do- Acc	204.40	218.80r	+0.20	3.20
UK Growth	78.02	82.99	-0.04	2.90
UK Smaller Cos	79.56	85.09	+0.62	1.90
Select Managers	61.63	66.02r	+0.05	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	101.67	108.74	+0.21	1.87
-do- Inc	92.43	98.85r	+0.19	1.87
Global Bond	29.13	30.90	+0.11	5.03
High Yield Acc	51.36	54.93	+0.04	4.43
-do- Inc	37.28	39.87r	+0.03	4.43
Smlr Cos Acc	85.86	91.83	+0.07	1.35
-do- Inc	79.40	84.92	-0.06	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	57.36	61.24	+0.06	...
-do- Inc	56.19	60.10	+0.08	...
Euro Gth Acc	95.96	102.63	+0.89	1.07
-do- Inc	94.64	101.22r	+0.88	1.07
Mngd P folio	33.88	36.24r	+0.18	1.46
Pacific Growth	90.60	96.90	-0.88	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	85.97	91.95	+1.31	0.67

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	117.70	125.30r	+0.20	3.34
Smaller Cos Acc	270.10	289.00	-0.40	...
Smaller Cos Inc	158.20	169.30r	-0.20	1.28
High Inc	67.94	73.04r	-0.56	7.18
Income	122.90	131.50r	...	4.16
Mngd P folio Inc	90.35	96.22	-0.27	2.07
-do- Acc	170.70	181.80	-0.60	...
North American	100.20	106.70	+0.40	0.20
Orient	115.00	124.70	+1.10	...
Recovery	26.54	28.28	-0.12	2.85
German	41.80	44.81	-0.33	0.09
Intl Growth	31.97	34.05	-0.04	0.23
European Inc	22.10	23.77	-0.14	0.47

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542
Dealing: 071 247 7474

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	62.31	66.29r	-0.09	1.21
-do- Acc	70.24	74.73	-0.10	1.21
Income Fund 5	212.00	225.60	+0.30	4.02
-do- Acc	482.10	512.90	+0.80	4.00
Inv Portfolio	65.94	68.34	-0.118	2.00
-do- Acc	74.46	77.17	-0.20	2.00
Smaller Cos	119.80	127.50	-0.30	2.01
-do- Acc	143.90	153.10	-0.40	2.01
High Inc P folio	59.10	61.25	+0.04	4.72

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 488 7216

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Str Gilt Fxd Int	66.28	67.19r	+0.10	5.98

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 4AH
061 837 5060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	132.40	140.90	-0.50	1.68
UK Growth	143.60	152.80	-0.20	1.68
UK Income	119.40	127.10r	...	4.35

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	77.54	82.93r	-0.06	1.11
Growth	43.53	46.56	+0.06	3.07
Income	52.23	55.86	-0.01	4.36
Far East	46.15	49.36r	+0.49	0.16
North American	78.61	84.53r	+1.13	0.01
Global	80.17	85.74r	-0.85	0.77
European	67.84	72.56r	-0.01	1.73
Japan	107.00	114.50	+2.40	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	57.42	60.84r	+0.23	5.27
UK Cap Gwth	75.52	80.77r	-0.26	2.07

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
Enquiries: 061 236 5685
Dealing: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	126.70	134.80r	+0.70	0.15
-do- Acc	134.70	143.40	+0.80	0.15
European	65.28	69.20	-0.05	1.03
-do- Acc	67.66	71.73	-0.05	1.03
Far East Gen	62.02	65.98r	+1.01	...
-do- Acc	62.02	65.98	+1.01	...
Glenfriars	240.40	255.80r	+1.30	0.96
-do- Acc	270.60	287.90	+1.40	0.96
Growth	368.80	394.50r	-0.40	2.68
-do- Acc	631.30	675.20	-0.70	2.68
Income Growth	366.10	389.50	-2.40	4.12
-do- Acc	486.70	517.80	-3.30	4.12
Master Portfolio	9260.0	9596.0r	+24.00	2.77
-do- Acc	10746.0	11134.0	+28.00	2.77
Special Sits	84.70	90.11	+0.62	2.57
-do- Acc	99.12	105.45	+0.72	2.57
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1188.0	1225.0	+1.00	4.56
-do- Acc	1375.0	1418.0	+1.20	4.56

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU
071 955 5050. Dealing 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	186.80	199.00	...	1.53
Capital	518.00	552.80r	+0.80	2.41
Eurotrack 100	127.30	135.40	+0.50	1.53
Euro Gth	79.10	84.24	+0.41	1.38
Far East Growth	86.31	92.11	+0.54	0.14
Global Bond	23.10	24.34	+0.02	5.88
Hong Kong	69.37	74.03r	-0.16	0.61
Income	489.10	521.90r	+0.70	4.61
Intl Growth	72.34	77.20	+0.24	0.99
Japan Growth	256.80	274.00	+5.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	31.15	33.34	+0.45	...
Japan Index	75.28	80.34	+0.89	0.24
Nth American	410.40	437.90r	-1.20	0.99
S pore M'ly Gth	49.17	52.47	+0.39	...
The Footsie Fd	105.60	111.50	+0.40	2.64
Tiger Index	130.90	139.60	-0.70	0.72
Trixie Index	100.60	107.30r	+0.10	2.67
UK Index	120.40	128.40	+0.40	3.03

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	80.78	86.37	-0.47	1.00
European P folio	71.76	76.27r	+0.46	1.38
Japanese P folio	61.62	65.37	+1.06	...
Pacific P folio	92.32	99.27	+0.69	2.43
Cazenove P folio	68.90	73.70	+0.16	3.00
UK Income Gth	61.11	65.63r	+0.60	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.77	51.42	+0.08	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	605.20	612.50	...	4.72
Fixed Int	155.75	156.30	...	9.28
Deposit	5.80	...	...	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	590.99	597.49	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2331.6	2337.6	...	...
Deposit	5.75	...	...	...
Fxd Int Inc	127.00	127.01	...	9.13
-do- Acc	167.75	167.79	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	61.91	65.17r	...	2.49
Beckman Intl	80.31	84.74	...	3.13
Friars Hse Inc	178.57	192.01	...	6.46
Friars Hse Cap	247.28	265.89	...	2.92

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Gth Acc	40.30	42.87	+0.90	...
Managed	61.32	65.23	-0.13	2.84
-do- Acc	74.05	78.78	-0.15	2.84
Smaller Cos	32.51	34.59	-0.06	2.20
-do- Acc	36.62	38.96	-0.05	2.20
UK General	67.18	71.47	+0.11	2.70
-do- Acc	80.54	85.68	-0.13	2.70
Wwide Bd	62.02	65.87r	-0.21	6.25
-do- Acc	79.78	84.73	-0.27	6.25
Wwide Sp Sits	55.71	59.58	+0.54	0.15
-do- Acc	58.04	62.07	-0.56	0.15
Quilter General	117.46	126.96r	+0.02	2.74
-do- Acc	130.51	138.84	+0.02	2.74
Quilter Income	91.53	97.37r	+0.60	4.33
-do- Acc	112.81	120.01	+0.75	4.33
Quilter Intl	125.73	133.76	+0.77	0.63
-do- Acc	127.46	135.60	+0.77	0.63
Quilter UK Spec	67.96	72.30	-0.10	2.09
-do- Acc	89.91	95.65	-0.14	2.09
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	91.54	91.54r	+0.01	5.62
-do- Acc	91.54	91.54r	+0.01	5.62
Fin Property	101.68	108.17	+0.13	1.36
Fixed Conv	40.59	43.18	+0.02	8.04
-do- Acc	106.05	112.82	+0.06	8.04
Equity Inc	142.22	151.30	+0.28	3.97
-do- Acc	456.51	485.65	+0.89	3.97
High Yield	119.05	126.65r	+2.89	5.11
-do- Acc	450.16	478.89	+10.96	5.11
Preference	46.19	49.14r	+0.61	7.92
-do- Acc	237.14	252.28	+3.14	7.92
PPT Europe	148.45	157.93r	+1.20	0.99
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.00	50.00r	-0.32	6.12
PPT Global Bnd	81.38	86.39r	+0.28	5.47
PPT Gold Com	50.72	53.96r	-0.41	...
PPT Oriental Gth	52.85	56.22r	-0.02	0.71
PPT Far East Gth	101.72	108.21r	+2.78	0.33
PPT Japan	115.36	122.72r	+2.58	...
PPT N Amer	145.91	155.22r	+0.07	0.06
PPT UK Gth	113.49	120.73	-0.24	2.21

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	73.28	77.96	+0.33	1.02
Japanese Acc	59.41	63.20	+0.99	...
UK Balncd Inc	123.50	131.40	-0.10	2.55
-do- Acc	144.20	153.40	-0.20	2.55
UK Growth Acc	203.10	216.10	-0.10	2.23
UK High Inc	132.10	140.50	-0.20	6.76
-do- Acc	156.00	165.90	-0.20	6.76
N America Acc	108.90	115.80	+0.80	0.34
European Acc	150.80	160.40	-0.20	0.44
UK Pref F/I Inc	60.63	64.33	+0.09	8.78
-do- Acc	97.86	103.80	+0.10	8.78
Intl Sp Sits Acc	46.80	49.79	+0.45	0.23
Environmntl Opp	70.42	74.91r	-0.12	1.48

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	109.10	115.00	-0.60	...
UK Smlr Cos	184.20	195.70	-0.40	1.28
Eurofund	37.28	39.47	...	1.01
Mngd Exempt	162.60	169.50	-3.00	3.10
Growth Inc	207.60	220.60	+1.20	4.08
High Dist	135.30	143.80	+0.50	6.02
International	313.00	332.60	+0.70	0.98
Intl Income	79.08	84.42r	...	3.08
Pacific	54.85	58.28	+0.03	0.51
Smllr Jap Cos	63.34	67.30	+0.96	...
Tokyo	197.70	210.10	+1.20	...
Japan Exempt	112.40	115.40	+11.90	0.43
Sm Jap Exempt	517.30	531.50	+23.80	0.09

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	118.90	126.30	-0.70	0.23
Australia	7.035	7.475	+0.024	1.07
Equity	181.20	192.50	+0.70	4.43
Euro Spec Sits	140.10	148.20	-0.40	0.58
Financial	39.00	41.44	+0.15	2.93
Global Opps Inc	86.83	92.26	+0.81	2.18
-do- Acc	90.01	95.64	+0.85	2.18
Gold Gen Inc	42.47	45.12	-0.37	0.96
-do- Acc	81.03	86.09	-0.70	0.96
Income	117.70	125.10	+0.40	4.93
Japan General	150.70	160.10	+1.60	...
Preference	21.24	22.57r	...	8.05
UK Capital	99.69	105.90	...	3.19
Worldwide Cap	192.30	204.30	+0.80	3.15
World Income	81.75	86.86	+0.06	3.50

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	169.40	180.20	+1.80	1.11

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	101.60	106.95r	...	3.46
High Income	118.48	124.72	...	4.96
Tst of Inv Tsts	139.03	146.35	...	2.20
Special Sits	81.96	86.27	...	3.01
North American	102.01	107.38	...	0.95
Far Eastern	225.10	236.95	...	1.47
Intl Growth	90.38	95.14r	...	1.42
European	62.82	66.13	...	2.22
Smaller Cos	68.86	72.47	...	2.21

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	219.80	236.60	-2.90	3.44

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414191

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.60
European Tst	111.20	118.30	+0.10	...
High Income	24.49	25.77r	+0.03	5.85

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	91.78	97.14	+0.16	0.89
Far Eastern	131.20	140.40	+2.20	...
Oseas Income	87.78	94.41	+0.55	2.79
UK Growth	90.19	96.46	+0.27	1.35
UK Income	99.20	106.10	-0.10	3.92
US Smaller Cos	234.00	250.30	+0.70	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	406.20	434.30	+1.70	...
-do- Acc	415.00	443.80	+1.90	...
Capital	278.40	296.30	-1.00	2.10
-do- Acc	389.00	412.70	-1.40	2.10
Cond Smllr Cos	47.03	50.53	-0.01	1.07
-do- Acc	48.66	52.29	...	1.07
Convertible	108.60	115.50	-0.20	6.50
-do- Acc	201.20	214.00	-0.30	6.50
European	95.91	102.40	-0.30	1.14
-do- Acc	99.10	105.80	+0.30	1.14
Extra Income	283.00	301.00	-0.50	4.42
-do- Acc	396.20	421.40	-0.70	4.42
Financial	103.30	111.10	+0.40	0.70
-do- Acc	107.50	115.60	+0.40	0.70
Health Fund Inc	103.60	110.60	-0.60	...
-do- Acc	103.60	110.60	-0.60	...
Income Tst	174.50	185.60	+0.10	4.05
-do- Acc	243.20	258.60	+0.10	4.05
Intl Growth	299.20	319.50	+3.10	...
-do- Acc	332.20	354.80	+3.40	...
Japan Gen	161.30	172.50	+3.90	...
-do- Acc	162.90	174.20	+3.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	87.83	92.45	+0.11	1.04
-do- Acc	92.07	96.91	+0.11	1.04
Monthly Income	143.30	152.40	...	4.58
Recovery	280.20	299.60	+0.60	0.86
-do- Acc	328.20	350.90	+0.70	0.86
Gilt Gth Tst	60.79	62.69	-0.15	6.77
-do- Acc	78.31	80.96	-0.19	6.77

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 411411
Administration: 0722 411622

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	339.57	361.25	-0.21	2.91
-do- Acc	685.64	729.40	-0.42	2.91
Euro Gth Dist	103.01	109.59	-0.11	0.89
-do- Acc	106.10	112.87	-0.11	0.89
Fixed Int Dist	130.59	138.13r	-0.13	6.34
-do- Acc	219.40	232.07r	+0.23	6.34
Intl Gth Dist	74.34	79.09	+0.33	0.85
-do- Acc	76.90	81.81	+0.38	0.85
Nth Amer Dist	164.65	174.44	+0.96	0.75
-do- Acc	178.56	189.17	+1.04	0.75
Pac Basin Dist	231.16	245.91	+1.81	0.36
-do- Acc	234.80	249.79	+1.84	0.36
Stewardship Dist	293.57	312.31	-1.04	1.90
-do- Acc	347.32	369.49	-1.23	1.90
Stwd Inc Dist	61.19	65.10	-0.15	3.61
-do- Acc	74.96	79.75	-0.20	3.61
N Am Stwd Dist	96.30	102.45	+1.00	...
-do- Acc	101.88	108.38	+1.06	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ. 071 220 4567. Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	132.60	141.90r	+1.50	...
European	390.00	413.60r	+2.00	1.03
Far East General	205.90	220.30	+1.50	0.33
Germany	97.55	103.20	...	0.44
Global Assets In	65.61	70.10	+0.10	2.31
Global Assets Ac	68.75	73.45	+0.11	2.27
Income Inc	111.40	119.20r	+0.40	7.37
International	253.70	271.40r	+1.80	1.03
Intl Income	76.03	80.84	+0.21	4.93
Japan General	348.50	370.50r	+8.40	...
Smllr Cos Dlv	44.76	47.88	-0.11	6.35
UK Capital Inc	153.20	163.90	+0.30	4.07
-do- Acc	262.10	280.40	+0.70	4.00
Uk Spec Sits	70.17	75.05	-0.25	1.70
US General	110.90	118.10	+1.50	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	110.80	118.50	+0.70	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	42.67	45.64	+0.15	1.69
Cash Trust	128.03	128.03	+0.01	5.03
Pract Inv Inc	100.08	107.32r	-0.09	3.98
-do- Acc	214.64	230.39r	-0.19	3.98
UK Smaller Cos	93.99	100.79	-0.21	1.49
Income Funds				
Preference Share	24.97	26.71	-0.01	7.86
High Inc	31.12	33.28	+0.30	5.02
UK Equity Inc	127.20	136.04	+0.13	3.90
Global Bond	29.08	30.13r	+0.08	5.74
International Funds				
Gold Intl	70.86	75.99	-0.79	1.29
Frontier Markets	39.72	42.60r	+0.11	0.21
Global Inc Gth	116.64	124.46r	+0.51	2.21
UK Intl	107.46	115.14	+0.04	0.68
Overseas Funds				
American	125.40	133.70	+0.96	0.55
European	79.99	84.86r	+0.10	0.71
Euro Sel Opps	91.64	97.70	+0.12	1.08
American Emerg	75.28	80.73	-0.82	...
Hong Kong	100.23	107.49r	-0.70	2.16
Japan	208.37	221.74	+3.95	...
Pacific Growth	139.33	149.42	-0.06	0.47

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	121.57	130.03	+1.09	0.37
American Gth	116.52	124.62	+2.23	...
European Gth	68.09	72.59	+0.31	0.42
German Horizon	...	...	...	...
Japan Gth	75.50	80.84	+1.16	...
Pacific Inc	129.35	138.35	+2.66	2.85
Pacific Strategy	106.42	113.81	+0.94	0.25
UK Prog Inc	76.32	80.42	+0.30	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.57	50.05	-0.18	2.70
UK Small Cos	43.16	46.16	-1.17	2.12

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
34 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	130.60	130.60	...	4.70
Gilt Fixed	119.90	127.30	+0.10	6.48
Growth Equity	277.60	296.50	-0.80	6.48
Guardhill	411.00	439.00	-0.90	2.40
Income Trust	107.10	114.40	-0.10	3.43
International	152.50	162.90r	+1.00	0.36
Japan Trust	121.20	129.40	+2.50	...
Nth American	248.60	265.50	-0.90	0.46
Pacific	352.30	376.30	+2.30	...
European	332.80	355.50	-1.20	0.58

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 666, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 550868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	34.24	36.30	...	1.79
-do- Acc	35.84	38.03	...	1.79
Inc Adv Inc	28.15	30.50r	...	4.24
-do- Acc	30.30	32.12	...	4.24

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	70.69	75.73	-0.39	0.96
Equity Income	110.90	118.00r	-0.60	3.59
European	130.80	138.40r	+0.40	0.87
Intl Situation	73.34	77.91	+0.11	...
Japanese	137.70	146.10	+2.50	...
North American	96.24	102.10	-0.30	0.06
Scandinavian	103.70	109.60	...	0.47
Smaller Cos	28.66	30.49	-0.07	2.30

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XT
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 234772

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	85.48	91.41	+0.24	...
Asian Enterprise	116.16	125.52	+0.25	1.02
Australian	131.01	140.04r	+1.76	1.58
European	360.43	381.58	+1.08	1.13
European Inc	68.43	72.36	+0.06	3.47
Euro Sml Co	120.60	129.03	+0.40	1.14
Extra Income	252.14	268.42r	+0.10	5.07
Family of Funds	67.50	72.08	-0.19	1.35
Fixed Interest	55.17	59.00r	+0.09	8.82
Global Resour	89.63	96.21	+0.67	1.17
High Inc	277.74	286.90	-0.08	4.79
Income Gth	230.82	245.81	+0.06	4.14
-do- Acc	580.85	618.59	+0.14	4.14
International	221.12	235.31r	+0.66	1.01
Japan Spc Sit	224.43	238.69	+5.81	...
Japan	192.30	204.41	+3.72	...
N Amer	216.18	230.02	-0.98	0.17
Pacific Smllr Cos	166.28	180.35r	+0.82	0.63
Pref Gilt	46.35	50.37	+0.03	8.51
Smaller Cos Div	156.26	170.31	-0.11	4.85
Special Sits	246.19	263.41r	+0.28	2.22
-do- Acc	379.35	405.89r	+0.43	2.22
Best of British	53.70	57.57	-0.05	2.75
Spirit of the East	56.63	60.62r	+0.64	0.51

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	85.91	91.88	+0.17	2.36
Capital	151.50	162.00	-0.90	1.99
Dollar	298.90	319.60	+0.80	0.17
European	189.50	202.60	-0.60	0.53
Far East	222.20	237.60	+0.10	0.64
Financial	647.90	692.90r	+2.40	2.57
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.84	26.84	+0.03	8.00
High Yield	98.27	105.10	-0.30	4.96
Income	130.90	140.00	-0.80	3.54
Intl	208.60	223.10	+1.00	0.36
Japan Tech	67.07	71.73	+1.45	...
Nat Resources	54.92	58.73	-0.20	0.80
Security	287.40	307.30r	+0.20	2.15
Smaller Cos	103.30	110.40r	-2.50	1.65
Special Sits	131.70	140.80r	-0.20	2.11
US Smaller Cos	60.51	64.71	+0.03	...

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	237.00	249.50	+0.70	1.40
Capital Gwth	98.49	103.70	...	2.55
Inv Trusts	124.30	130.60	...	0.72

INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	22.84	25.06	-0.04	1.65
Special Features	26.05	27.67r	-0.08	1.47
-do- Acc	30.80	32.72r	-0.10	1.46
General Funds				
UK Growth	51.43	55.11	+0.03	1.96
Assets Earnings	68.84	73.14	+0.01	1.87
do Acc	80.90	85.95	+0.01	1.87
Managed Invest	83.45	89.18	+0.40	1.22
Rupert Children	73.71	78.66r	-0.01	1.68
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.34	50.34r	...	4.53
Extra Inc	77.44	82.89	+0.08	4.57
Gilt	27.99	29.46	+0.01	6.56
Income Gth	38.03	40.68	+0.12	3.54
MIMmr	75.14	76.89r	+0.25	7.90
Preference	17.58	19.24r	-0.02	6.21
UK Income	297.60	318.20r	+0.50	3.11
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fixed Sec	34.45	37.85	+0.11	1.32
Property Shares	57.26	60.83r	+0.33	2.20
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	139.20	146.40	-0.20	3.60
European Acc	108.20	114.80	-0.30	1.74
European Dist	103.00	109.30	-0.30	1.76
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	47.36	50.35r	+0.02	1.02
European Perf	105.20	111.70	-0.20	1.08
-do- Acc	107.20	113.80	+0.20	1.08
Euro Small Cos	20.50	21.83	-0.01	0.74
French Growth	67.20	71.50	+0.01	0.40
-do- Acc	71.79	76.38	+0.01	0.40
Hong K/China	63.02	67.68	+0.20	1.82
Intl Growth	49.46	52.55	-0.21	0.76
-do- Acc	49.46	52.55	+0.21	0.76
Japan Perf	33.00	35.11	+0.49	...
Accum Units	33.06	35.11	+0.49	...
Japan Smllr Cos	34.53	36.67	+1.12	...
Singapore Asean	70.56	76.54	-0.28	0.43
-do- Acc	71.00	77.02	-0.27	0.43
South East Asia	205.60	222.10r	-0.30	1.09
US Smllr Cos	101.80	108.10	-0.10	...
-do- Acc	102.90	109.30	...	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	81.79	87.15	+0.21	2.55
Intl Bond	56.34	56.98r	+0.08	6.31

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc	69.04	69.38r	+0.01	4.97
Extra Income	50.84	54.08r	+0.64	6.77
Gilt Yield	118.90	125.50	...	7.34
Global Income	195.70	206.10	+2.91	4.25
High Yield	127.20	135.30r	+0.11	6.11
Smllr Cos Div	45.31	48.20	-0.05	4.52
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.83	93.44	+0.26	...
North American	74.14	78.87	+0.91	0.41
European	127.70	135.90	+0.40	0.86
Euro Special	76.76	81.66	+0.33	0.94
General	257.10	273.50	...	3.26
Japan	387.90	412.70	+10.60	...
Japanese Special	202.70	215.60r	+5.30	...
Master Acc	208.60	221.90	+0.30	1.39
Pacific	248.10	263.90	+0.80	0.47
Smaller Cos	93.97	100.00	-0.17	2.10
UK Equity Gth	33.27	35.39	-0.18	1.84

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	72.44	77.06	-0.18	0.92
Extra Income	23.52	25.02r	+0.19	3.30
Far East	25.60	27.23r	+0.45	1.00
Income Gwth	71.05	75.59r	+0.68	2.90
Intl Growth	50.07	53.27r	+0.48	0.79
Japan	61.44	65.36	+1.57	...
Maximum Dist	100.80	102.80	-0.10	6.95
N Amer Equity	37.96	40.36	+0.12	0.51
UK Equity	84.19	89.56	-0.14	2.93

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	51.69	54.99	+0.19	4.55

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	410.10	436.30	-0.70	2.97
Equity Acc	778.50	828.20	-1.40	2.97
Equity Income	89.10	94.79	+0.08	5.21
European	93.31	99.27	-0.01	1.72
Far Eastern	170.90	181.80	+2.00	0.32
Fixed Interest	51.09	54.35r	-0.01	7.40
Gilt	89.97	95.41r	-0.69	7.00
Global Growth	63.60	67.66	+0.34	0.77
Intl Bond	55.46	59.00	+0.19	5.00
Japanese	66.74	71.00	+1.30	...
Overseas Equity	92.79	98.71	+0.68	0.80
Pacific Gth	79.10	84.15r	+0.62	1.33

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	307.60	327.30	-0.40	2.80
-do- Acc	666.10	708.70	-1.00	2.80
Cond Euro Gth	50.17	52.82	-0.15	1.33
-do- Acc	53.06	55.86	-0.17	1.33
Extra Inc	231.70	246.50	-0.10	3.78
-do- Acc	563.30	599.20	-0.30	3.78
German Gth	99.86	105.20	+0.30	0.27
-do- Acc	104.80	110.40	-0.40	0.27
Growth Port	473.70	504.00	+0.10	1.00
-do- Acc	473.70	504.00	+0.10	1.00
Income	432.50	460.30	-0.70	3.60
-do- Acc	1097.0	1168.0	-1.00	3.60
Income Port	482.20	513.00	...	5.21
-do- Acc	482.20	513.00	...	5.21
Japan Growth	91.91	97.78	+1.63	0.01
-do- Acc	92.23	98.12	+1.64	0.01
Master Trust	50.38	53.60	+0.02	1.43
-do- Acc	54.79	58.29	-0.02	1.43
N American Gen	173.60	184.70	-0.20	0.01
-do- Acc	200.50	213.30	-0.20	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	124.60	132.60	-1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	127.10	135.30	-1.60	0.01
Pacific Basin	187.90	199.90	-3.50	0.63
-do- Acc	198.60	211.30	-3.60	0.63
Small Cos Rec	291.60	307.00	-0.40	2.45
-do- Acc	376.20	396.00	-0.60	2.45
UK Growth	76.40	81.28	-0.05	2.21
-do- Acc	89.09	94.78	-0.05	2.21
Worldwide Gth	265.00	282.00	-1.30	0.23
-do- Acc	390.50	415.50	+1.90	0.23

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	75.61	81.13	-0.08	3.10
Income	57.67	61.88r	-0.03	6.10
International	54.96	58.97	+0.31	0.80
American	57.50	61.69	+0.23	0.40
Japan	50.54	54.23	+0.97	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	52.68	56.52r	-0.07	2.03

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	375.50	396.30	-2.30	0.89
-do- Acc	463.30	489.00	-2.90	0.89
American Rec	398.20	421.10	-4.20	0.29
-do- Acc	455.60	481.80	-4.80	0.29
Am Sm Co Acc	113.00	119.50	+1.40	0.04
Australia Acc	140.40	148.50	-2.00	1.47
Capital	610.20	645.30	-3.70	2.83
-do- Acc	673.30	712.10	-4.00	2.83
Commodity Acc	399.80	422.70	-0.70	0.93
Compnd Gth	790.40	835.80	-3.50	3.02
Dividend	33.30	35.60	-0.10	4.44
-do- Acc	129.40	138.60	-0.30	4.44
Equity Inc	276.20	292.10	-0.90	5.09
European Div	36.60	40.30	...	4.41
-do- Acc	64.00	68.10	-0.10	4.41
European Gen	372.10	393.50	-0.10	1.63
-do- Acc	464.90	491.60	-0.10	1.63
Extra Yield	348.30	372.70r	-0.90	4.49
-do- Acc	1018.4	1089.7	-2.70	4.49
Far Eastern	270.30	285.80r	+2.30	1.02
-do- Acc	355.50	376.00	+3.10	1.02
Fund of Inv	478.90	506.40	-0.20	2.30
-do- Acc	864.10	913.80	-0.40	2.30
General	51.70	54.70	-0.20	3.64
-do- Acc	136.10	144.10	-0.60	3.64
Gilt Fxd Int	62.20	62.20	-0.10	7.88
do Acc	153.70	153.90	-0.40	7.88
Gold	42.80	45.30	...	1.39
-do- Acc	50.10	53.00	...	1.39
High Inc	23.70	25.10	-0.10	4.73
-do- Acc	87.80	93.10	-0.30	4.73
Intl Growth	66.00	70.00	+0.40	0.96
-do- Acc	113.80	120.60	+0.60	0.96
Intl Inc	89.30	94.40	+0.40	4.70
Japan Gen Acc	47.60	50.50	+0.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	134.80	142.60	+3.50	...
Midland	50.10	53.00	-0.20	4.01
-do- Acc	158.60	167.60	-0.70	4.01
Recovery	33.90	36.30	-0.10	3.10
-do- Acc	53.30	57.10	-0.10	3.10
Second Gen	58.60	62.00	-0.10	3.68
-do- Acc	143.30	151.70	-0.20	3.68
Smaller Cos	55.60	58.80	-0.10	3.48
-do- Acc	105.30	111.50	-0.10	3.48
Trustee	37.50	39.70	...	4.02
Charibond 3	1112.52	...	+0.10	9.58
Charibond 2	612.40	618.60	-0.50	5.32
Pension ex 1	834.20	855.10	-4.10	4.22
NAACIF Inc 3	145.75	...	...	7.73
-do- Acc 3	11078.2	...	+1.70	7.73

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	132.30	141.50r	+0.43	2.10
-do- Acc	146.90	157.10r	+0.43	2.10
UK Income	109.30	116.90r	+0.43	2.81
-do- Acc	121.90	130.30r	+0.43	2.81

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	73.69	78.81	+0.14	0.65
Far East (Pacific)	127.30	135.10	-1.40	0.70
Income Growth	69.19	73.45	-1.38	4.07
European	65.21	69.22	+0.24	1.34
Nth American	55.47	58.88	+0.39	1.13
UK Growth	74.17	78.73	-0.49	1.40
Intl Growth	88.85	94.32r	+0.41	0.69
Charities	106.70	113.20	-0.50	4.09

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	65.81	69.86r	-0.01	3.96
Japan	50.40	53.50r	-1.16	0.08

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	183.50	194.80	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	196.10	208.20	+1.80	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	+0.10	5.62
-do- Acc	128.60	128.60	...	5.62
European Gth	187.40	199.00	-0.60	0.80
-do- Acc	200.60	213.10	-0.70	0.80
General	440.70	470.10	-1.50	2.58
-do- Acc	838.50	894.40	-2.90	2.58
Global Dist	130.20	137.00	-0.40	5.33
-do- Acc	145.70	153.30	-0.50	5.33
Income	133.30	142.10	-0.20	4.79
-do- Acc	195.00	208.00	-0.30	4.79
International	366.50	390.00	-3.20	0.72
-do- Acc	486.30	517.40	-4.30	0.72
Japan	168.10	178.50	+3.20	...
-do- Acc	172.60	183.30	+3.30	...
New Europe	129.80	138.50	-0.40	1.87
-do- Acc	132.00	140.80	+0.30	1.87
Recovery	282.40	301.30	-1.70	2.98
-do- Acc	352.90	376.50	-2.10	2.98
European Inc	72.92	77.44	+0.28	3.15
-do- Acc	92.50	98.24	+0.35	3.15
Brit Blue Chip	69.37	73.93	-0.24	3.41
-do- Acc	81.82	87.20	-0.27	3.41
Portfolio	71.14	75.62	-0.11	3.00
-do- Acc	80.90	85.98	-0.14	3.00
Gold General	81.66	87.11	-0.07	1.08
-do- Acc	82.79	88.31	-0.07	1.08
Pacific	83.56	89.13	+0.56	0.94
-do- Acc	88.33	94.21	+0.59	0.94
UK Smaller Cos	48.91	52.18r	-0.28	2.17
-do- Acc	54.60	58.24r	-0.31	2.17

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 529 280
Enquiries: 0742 529 076

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	55.87	59.25r	+0.11	3.35
-do- Acc	56.71	60.65	+0.11	3.35
British Dist	74.76	79.56	+0.10	2.43
-do- Acc	84.64	90.52	+0.12	2.43
European Gth	163.80	174.90	-0.40	0.16
-do- Acc	205.60	219.50	-0.40	0.16
Extra High Inc	66.49	71.11r	+0.12	6.75
-do- Acc	117.00	125.10	+0.20	6.75
FT-SE 100 Index	47.04	50.31	-0.09	2.98
-do- Acc	47.04	50.31	-0.09	2.98
Gilt Fixed Int	56.15	58.45r	...	7.04
-do- Acc	147.70	153.60	...	7.04
High Yield	213.50	228.30	+0.20	5.13
-do- Acc	489.80	523.90	+0.50	5.13
Income	268.80	287.50	...	3.87
-do- Acc	558.80	597.60	...	3.87
Japan Gth	327.50	350.30r	+4.70	...
-do- Acc	345.60	369.60	+4.80	...
Mandarin Acc	91.75	98.13	+1.22	1.66
North American	158.60	169.60	-0.30	0.52
-do- Acc	199.60	213.50	-0.30	0.52

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826
Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	249.00	265.00	+2.60	...
Deposit Inc	99.91	99.91	-0.30	4.63
Deposit Acc	121.82	121.82	+0.02	4.63
Euro Gth Acc	253.10	270.00	+0.80	...
Europa	114.90	123.30	+0.50	...
Intl Gth	162.90	173.70	+1.10	...
Japan Tracker	72.89	77.16	+0.97	...
UK Equity Inc	139.50	150.10r	-0.30	4.39
-do- Acc	170.90	183.90r	-0.40	4.39
UK Ind Tracker	137.80	147.60	-0.10	3.28
US Eq Ind Trkr	186.20	197.30r	-1.20	1.48
-do- Acc	196.90	208.70r	+1.30	1.48
Asian Trader	140.00	152.00r	+0.20	0.51

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX. 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	161.90	165.50	-0.40	2.44
European	59.31	60.60	-0.16	1.13
Olympiad	52.04	53.39	+0.25	0.51
Global Bond	47.58	48.19	-0.13	6.72
Smaller Cos	62.20	64.90	-0.13	1.24
Equity Income	89.57	92.17r	-0.17	5.19
UK Growth	79.10	83.10r	-0.06	1.89

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bitton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	45.95	46.99	-0.55	0.82
Australian Acc	289.20	310.20	+6.60	...
Conscience	61.07	65.17	-1.10	1.09
-do- Acc	65.55	69.95	-1.15	1.09
European	164.40	175.30r	-0.10	1.11
-do- Acc	176.90	188.60	-0.10	1.11
Extra Income	70.82	75.58	-0.15	5.87
-do- Acc	107.20	114.30	+0.20	5.87
Far East Gth	149.20	159.40	+0.70	0.06
Gilt Fxd Int	58.04	61.43	-0.06	8.45
Gold	32.65	34.89	+0.27	...
-do- Acc	34.94	37.36	+0.27	...
Income	50.55	53.92	+0.08	5.21
-do- Acc	151.60	161.70	-0.30	5.21
International	28.18	30.23	-0.20	1.12
-do- Acc	40.69	43.43	+0.28	1.12
Jap Sm Cos Acc	300.60	320.60	+10.30	...
S pore Mly Acc	158.40	169.80	+1.70	...
Smllr Cos Acc	23.80	25.59	-0.01	1.88
Special Sits	33.75	35.06r	+0.02	1.78
-do- Acc	35.41	38.07	+0.02	1.78
Tokyo	81.44	86.86	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	82.26	87.74	+1.61	...

N & P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	65.95	70.17	+0.11	2.97
N&P Gilt Fxd Inc	73.74	78.04r	+0.04	7.44
N&P Higher Inc	183.40	194.60	-0.10	5.10
N&P UK Income	97.90	104.71	-0.01	4.15
N&P Intl	83.18	89.45	-0.07	1.98
N&P Smaller Cos	71.64	76.63r	-0.08	1.70

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA
071 407 4404

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	155.12	165.03r	+0.26	2.54
Global	264.61	281.50r	+0.82	1.29
Growth	101.62	108.11	-0.15	2.50
Income	193.72	206.09r	+0.17	4.60
Intl Bond	125.25	132.48r	-0.45	7.02

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	134.00	141.00	-0.30	2.56
-do- Acc	232.10	244.20	-0.40	2.56
Income	210.20	223.60r	-0.10	3.62
Intl Equity	215.20	228.90	+1.20	0.97
-do- Acc	235.60	250.60	+1.30	0.97
Equity	210.40	223.80	-0.30	2.42
-do- Acc	426.50	453.70	-0.60	2.42
UK Intl 25 Acc	66.87	71.14	+0.04	1.95
UK Income	58.22	61.93	-0.03	3.09
UK Smllr Co Acc	68.30	72.65	-0.07	1.58
New Europe Acc	59.94	63.77	-0.11	1.40

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames
0491 417000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	82.07	87.78	-0.79	0.38
PEP Gth Inc	94.74	101.33	+0.70	1.34
Intl Gth	452.78	484.26	+0.17	0.68
Income	280.50	300.00r	-0.40	3.38
W wide Recov	280.72	300.24	+0.81	0.62
American Gth	193.03	206.45	-0.10	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	169.17	180.94	-0.30	0.20
Far East Gth	198.83	212.66	+0.01	0.06
European Gth	108.05	115.57	-0.15	1.08
UK Growth	72.25	77.28	-0.12	3.02
High Income	79.80	84.23	-0.10	4.60
Japanese Gth	197.71	210.36	+1.52	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	167.80	178.00r	-1.40	0.89
High Income	105.20	111.90	-1.40	3.56
Cntry Gth	106.90	113.70	-0.20	0.48
Far East	296.40	304.60r	+8.60	0.38

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	47.34	50.36	+0.39	0.58
Emerging Mkts	58.67	62.41	-0.29	0.23
General	46.24	49.19	-0.06	3.48
International	60.96	66.13r	-0.49	1.32
Gilt Units	26.45	27.27	-0.05	8.05
Global PEP	34.20	36.38r	-0.07	2.14
Income Gth	61.96	65.91	+0.29	5.34
European	41.86	44.53r	+0.12	1.19
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.27	26.68r	-0.09	6.20

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/69 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst **	29.85	31.92r	-0.10	1.61
Pru Cat Hvn Inc	101.48	101.48r	-0.02	5.26
-do- Acc	104.55	104.55r	-0.01	5.26
Pru Equity	635.80	680.00r	-5.37	2.49
Pru Equity Inc	78.77	84.24	+0.06	4.56
Pru European	168.49	180.20	-0.24	1.07
Pru Global Gth	76.64	81.96	+0.30	1.57
Pru High Inc	84.70	90.58r	-0.04	5.67
Pru Intl	154.60	165.34	-0.85	1.34
Pru Intl Sm Co	64.87	69.37r	+0.46	0.93
Pru Japanese	190.49	203.73r	+3.53	...
Pru Nth Amer	138.32	147.92	+0.09	0.47
Pru Pacific Mkt	68.79	73.57	+0.11	1.91
Pru Prem Inc	49.09	51.12r	-0.78	7.49
Pru Smllr Cos	80.02	85.58	-0.32	2.02
Pru Spec Sits	95.43	102.06	-0.16	2.27
Pru UK Grwth	106.40	113.79r	-0.25	2.38

** Formerly Holborn Trust

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
NC Income	150.06	161.66	+0.06	3.67
NC Japan	260.42	279.05	+4.64	...
NC Maj UK Cos	91.06	97.96	-0.22	2.46
NC America Inc	462.49	495.93	+3.84	0.86
-do- Acc	537.18	576.03	+4.46	0.86
NC Smlr UK Cos	247.27	270.54r	-0.43	1.57
NC European	247.91	264.60	-0.02	1.32

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 929924 (IFAs only)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	71.75	76.32	+0.46	3.79
Capital Units	137.50	146.20	-0.20	1.44
Commodity	94.46	100.40r	-1.70	1.30
European Gth	145.40	154.60	-0.60	1.41
Financial Sec	164.80	175.30	-0.50	1.92
High Return	204.70	217.70	-0.50	4.68
High Yield	197.90	210.50r	-0.40	3.83
Income Units	104.60	111.20	-0.30	4.95
Investment	164.10	174.50r	-0.20	1.14
Japan Gth	140.90	149.80	+2.00	...
Japan Smaller	169.90	180.70	+3.90	...
Masterfund	43.75	46.54	+0.02	0.97
Scotbits	240.20	255.50	+0.70	1.65
Scotshares	247.70	263.50	-1.20	2.85
Scotyields	215.90	229.60r	-0.90	4.06
Select Intl	123.60	131.40r	...	0.75
Smaller Cos	211.50	224.90r	-0.60	4.27
Special Situation	104.50	111.10	-0.60	0.76
UK Equity	215.80	229.50	-1.00	2.92
US Growth	134.60	143.10r	+1.00	0.34

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	228.45	243.68	-0.84	0.57
-do- Acc	246.81	263.25	-0.91	0.57
Australian	128.62	137.19	+1.05	0.87
-do- Acc	151.21	161.29	+1.24	0.87
UK Enterprise	198.64	211.88r	+0.72	2.68
-do- Acc	229.47	244.77	+0.84	2.68
European Gth	59.33	63.28r	+0.14	1.30
-do- Acc	61.42	65.50	+0.14	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	55.19	58.86r	+0.10	0.34
-do- Acc	55.56	59.27	+0.11	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	64.76	69.07	+0.14	...
-do- Acc	65.80	70.18	+0.14	...
Fixed Interest	51.84	54.67r	+0.06	8.60
-do- Acc	63.70	67.18	+0.08	8.60
Gilt Income	102.60	108.11r	-0.10	8.45
-do- Acc	143.39	151.08r	-0.15	8.45
Income	292.67	312.18r	+0.83	4.16
-do- Acc	863.43	920.99	+2.43	4.16
Japan Enterprise	63.42	67.64r	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	63.42	67.64	+1.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	397.71	424.22r	+9.05	...
-do- Acc	398.51	425.07	+9.07	...
Pacific Gth	84.00	89.60	-0.08	0.48
-do- Acc	86.50	92.26	-0.08	0.48
Smaller Cos	180.68	192.72r	+0.06	1.06
-do- Acc	207.07	220.86	+0.07	1.06
Tokyo	100.92	107.64r	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	101.94	108.73	+1.92	...
UK Equity	198.28	211.49r	+0.67	2.79
-do- Acc	367.18	391.66	+1.24	2.79
US Smllr Cos	127.13	135.60	-0.34	...
-do- Acc	127.13	135.60	-0.34	...
World Fd	67.82	72.34	+0.22	1.69
-do- Acc	71.51	76.27	+0.23	1.69

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	42.03	44.76	-0.12	4.43
Equity Strategy	62.09	66.13	-0.01	1.80
European Opps	70.01	74.56	-0.24	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.38	100.92	+0.02	5.64
UK Smaller Cos	47.95	51.07	-0.16	3.21

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	332.90	355.70	+0.60	2.83
American	238.80	253.60	+1.20	0.90
Pacific	312.90	334.70	+4.20	0.73
European	444.80	475.50	-0.50	1.20
Worldwide	75.36	80.60	+0.05	1.32

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	294.50	313.40	-0.40	2.90
UK Sm Cos Eqty	188.50	200.60	-0.40	2.26
European	321.00	341.50r	+1.00	1.98
North American	241.00	256.40r	+1.40	0.54
Income Plus Inc	63.41	67.48r	+0.03	3.82
UK Spec Sits	64.19	68.29r	+0.10	2.38

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 558 2341/2/3

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	24.52	26.24r	-0.01	2.05
Intl Growth Acc	27.56	29.50r	+0.14	1.37
Global Inc Acc	30.55	32.70	+0.06	3.83
Market Ldrs Acc	25.41	27.20	+0.02	2.91

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	79.47	84.99r	+0.41	...
Euro Spec Sits	44.04	46.80r	+0.03	...
-do- Acc	46.63	49.55	+0.03	...
Far East Opps	29.06	31.27	+0.12	...
-do- Acc	29.86	32.13	+0.12	...
General Growth	96.00	102.70	...	2.05
Global Tech	110.00	118.80	-1.70	...
Income Growth	97.11	104.40	-0.20	3.58
Income Monthly	55.18	59.01	-0.15	4.36
Japan Growth	77.24	82.13	+1.87	...
Overseas Gth	74.04	79.67	+0.40	...
Smaller Cos	69.07	74.26	-0.12	1.67
Special Opps	96.59	103.90	-0.10	2.21
Wld Spec Sits	45.64	49.28	-0.73	...
-do- Acc	45.74	49.39	-0.73	...

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 224, Beckenham BR3 4TF
081 663 3003

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	..	..	..	..
Global Bond	..	..	..	..
Japan Samurai	..	..	..	..
UK Growth	..	..	..	..

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	42.59	45.26	...	1.84
Equity Gth Acc	56.64	60.19	-0.20	1.65
UK Eq General	40.69	43.24r	-0.20	2.44
-do- Acc	53.80	57.17	-0.20	2.44
European Acc	39.98	42.48	-0.20	1.15
Far East Acc	52.50	55.79	+0.80	0.16
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.16	31.40r	+0.10	5.66
N American Acc	42.19	44.83	...	0.72
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	266.60	289.30	+2.40	1.50
UK Eq High Inc	33.77	35.89r	-0.10	4.04
-do- Acc	40.10	42.61	+0.10	4.04
UK Lgr Cos Inc	279.50	303.30r	-1.50	3.88
UK Lgr Cos Acc	363.90	394.90	-1.90	3.88

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N$53.50	N$53.72	...	1.15
US Eq	$2.042	$2.169	...	0.60
Far East Eq	Y235.3	Y249.9	...	...
Japan Eq	Y226.8	Y240.9	...	...
FT Europe	110.20	117.00	...	2.17
FT North Am	$1.689	$1.791	...	1.09
FT Japan	Y235.7	Y250.3	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	114.10	121.20	...	1.80

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	331.70	352.40	+1.20	0.30
British	908.70	961.40r	-0.50	4.40
European	375.50	399.50	-0.40	1.50
Japan	136.10	145.00	+3.30	...
New Pacific	279.70	297.90	+1.60	1.31
Mngd Cash	95.44	95.44r	...	5.34
Majority Stlg	99.60	100.59r	+0.01	5.24
Inv Tst	177.70	188.40r	+0.50	1.89
Saints PPF	366.90	386.20	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	706.20	755.30	+1.30	2.75
N America Acc	108.50	116.00	+0.50	0.16
Far East Acc	114.50	122.50	-0.80	..
W wide Bond	59.95	63.67r	+0.23	5.35
European	80.33	85.91	+0.25	0.35
Equity Income	79.71	85.25	+0.29	3.73

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	32.90	35.19	-0.15	0.64
Managed Assets	115.10	123.11	+0.20	3.35
UK Income	35.49	37.96	+0.03	5.04
UK Growth	34.88	37.31	-0.02	2.34
Worldwide Gth	30.09	32.19	-0.28	0.47

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE
0264 346794

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	197.09	209.67	+1.55	0.01
-do- Acc	216.47	230.29	+1.70	0.01
British Gth	81.88	87.11r	+0.12	1.86
-do- Acc	96.35	102.50r	+0.15	1.86
European	90.39	96.16	+0.12	0.84
-do- Acc	95.34	101.43	-0.13	0.84
Extra Inc	179.73	191.20r	+1.62	3.87
-do- Acc	286.71	305.01r	+2.59	3.87
General Unit	251.89	267.97	-0.39	2.50
-do- Acc	497.03	528.76	+0.76	2.50
Income	309.28	329.03	+0.54	3.50
-do- Acc	629.96	670.17	-1.09	3.50
International	466.35	496.12	+2.89	0.50
-do- Acc	609.59	648.50	+3.77	0.50
Pacific	318.09	338.39	+4.94	...
-do- Acc	333.13	354.39	+5.17	...
Premier Income	50.94	53.06	-0.10	6.47
-do- Acc	104.62	108.98	-0.22	6.47
Nat Resources	94.86	100.91r	-0.41	0.63
-do- Acc	104.04	110.68r	-0.45	0.63
Selected Opps	90.62	96.40r	+0.07	1.14
-do- Acc	113.45	120.69r	+0.08	1.14

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
33 Cavendish Sq, London W1M 7HF
071 493 7262
Dealing: 071 493 8545

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	64.18	68.45	+0.42	...
-do- Acc	66.19	70.60	+0.44	...
Cash	50.28	50.28r	+0.01	6.24
-do- Acc	61.40	61.40r	+0.01	6.24
European Opps	59.95	63.94	-0.17	0.46
-do- Acc	60.57	64.60	-0.18	0.46
Far East Opps	139.10	148.37r	+0.88	...
-do- Acc	142.34	151.82r	+0.89	...
Gold/Nat. Res	40.19	42.86	+0.04	...
-do- Acc	41.35	44.10	-0.05	...
Japan	75.78	80.83	+1.81	...
-do- Acc	75.78	80.83	+1.81	...
Little Dragons	60.80	64.85	-0.19	0.77
-do- Acc	62.37	66.52	-0.19	0.77
Oriental Income	40.33	43.01r	+0.35	3.70
-do- Acc	51.51	54.94r	+0.45	3.70
Tiger	195.92	208.98	-0.15	1.26
-do- Acc	204.94	218.60	-0.15	1.26
UK Small Cos	65.17	69.70	+0.04	2.28
-do- Acc	76.03	81.31	+0.04	2.28

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	13.55	14.41	-0.32	0.50
Pacific Basin	29.35	31.22	+0.04	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.95	39.30	-0.12	0.10
Global Bond	$0.965	$1.006	+0.000	7.30
Penny Share	21.39	22.75	-0.01	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	52.50	52.50	+0.04	5.83
Gilt Growth	66.50	69.20	+0.12	...
Gilt Income	52.32	54.44r	+0.07	7.50
Short Dtd Gilt	107.20	108.60r	+0.10	3.50
US Govmnt Bd	$0.713	$0.722	+0.000	...
Challenger	91.61	93.74	+0.21	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	65.70	69.89	+0.11	1.95

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); r Ex dividend; † Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Abbey Natl	731	Coats Vyla	1,600	Legal & Gn	1,200	Scot & New	665
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Cm Union	810	Lloyds Bk	1,100	Scot Power	2,600
Anglian W	664	Courtaulds	350	MB Cardn	580	Sears	8,100
Argyll Gp	1,200	De La Rue	200	Marks Spr	4,700	Svrn Trent	1,300
Arjo Wig	888	Eng China	569	NFC	657	Shell Trans	3,000
AB Foods	461	Enterpr Oil	847	NatWst Bk	2,200	Siebe	389
BAA	1,000	Fisons	4,000	Nat Power	1,400	SmKl Bch	5,100
BAT Inds	2,000	Forte	3,100	Nth Wst W	1,500	Smith Nph	7,100
BOC	912	GRE	2,300	Nthrn Fds	2,400	Smith (WH)	490
BP	3,600	GUS A	366	P & O	442	Sthern Elec	852
BT	3,100	Gen Acc	271	Pearson	680	Std Chartd	941
BTR	1,900	Gen Elec	3,600	PowerGen	1,500	Sun Allnce	4,300
Bk of Scot	548	Glaxo	5,100	Prudential	2,800	TI Gp	692
Barclays	3,400	Granada	2,000	RTZ	2,900	TSB	1,500
Bass	882	Grand Met	1,700	Rank Org	439	Tate & Lyle	1,000
Blue Circle	992	Guinness	3,200	Reckitt Col	857	Tesco	4,200
Boots	1,900	HSBC	1,200	Redland	921	Thames W	1,800
Bowater	299	Hanson	3,200	Reed Intl	736	Thrn EMI	320
Brit Airwys	3,800	ICI	949	Rentokil	178	Tomkins	5,300
Brit Gas	6,600	Inchcape	1,600	Reuters	607	Unilever	1,800
Brit Steel	9,500	Kingfisher	574	Rothmans	315	Utd Bisc	1,800
Burmah C	89	Kwik Save	230	Ryl Ins	1,000	Vodafone	2,400
Cable Wire	1,600	LASMO	3,800	Ryl Bk Scot	858	Wellcome	3,400
Cadbury	847	Ladbroke	1,600	Sainsbury	1,800	Whitbd 'A'	424
Carlton C	434	Land Secs	655	Scot Hydro	740	Wlms Hld	553

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3388.64 (-8.38)
S&P Composite 441.25 (-1.48)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19967.27 (+138.04)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 6285.67 (+3.97)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 107.9 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO 1665.7 (+10.8)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1655.73 (+5.42)

FT 30 share: 2180.8 (-1.9)

Brussels:
General 6325.04 (+31.39)

Paris: CAC 535.35 (-4.34)

Zurich: SKA Gen 493.9 (+3.7)

London:
FT A All-Share 1384.98 (-0.03)
FT 500 1514.41 (-0.27)
FT Gold Mines 128.7 (-1.3)
FT Fixed Interest 112.95 (+0.07)
FT Govt Secs 97.20 (same)
Bargains 24184
SEAQ Volume 451.5m
USM (Datastrm) 130.74 (+0.11)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 5	April 16	July 15	July 26

Call options were taken out on 8/4/93: Alexon, Evered Bardon, Hartstone, Haemocell, Kewill Systems, Knnick, Meggitt, Nat Home Loan Prf, Ratners, Shoprite, Surrey Group, Tarmac, TIP Europe, Vistec, Whitecroft.
Puts: BAT, Haemocell. Put & Call: Avesco.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 93	2834.0	2842.0	2824.0	2835.0	6996
Previous open interest: 42622	Sep 93	2850.0	2850.0	2850.0	2853.0	50
Three Month Sterling	Jun 93	94.24	94.28	94.23	94.25	11255
Previous open interest: 288059	Sep 93	94.38	94.42	94.37	94.38	4571
	Dec 93	94.34	94.40	94.33	94.36	3017
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 93	96.70	96.72	96.70	96.72	451
Previous open interest: 17792	Sep 93	96.54	96.54	96.54	96.58	205
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 93	92.87	92.89	92.84	92.84	16685
Previous open interest: 494806	Sep 93	93.75	93.78	93.72	93.74	10725
US Treasury Bond	Jun 93				110-20	0
Previous open interest: 1	Sep 93				109-11	0
Long Gilt	Jun 93	106-16	107-02	106-11	106-31	26277
Previous open interest: 56373	Sep 93				106-02	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 93	107.55	108.10	107.51	108.05	2044
	Sep 93				107.50	0
German Govmt Bond	Jun 93	96.10	96.29	95.99	96.07	43086
Previous open interest: 144752	Sep 93	96.39	96.53	96.39	96.34	386
Three month ECU	Jun 93	91.95	92.00	91.93	91.93	752
Previous open interest: 17224	Sep 93	92.85	92.87	92.83	92.86	251
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 93	95.49	95.52	95.46	95.47	2495
Previous open interest: 33457	Sep 93	95.86	95.87	95.85	95.86	137
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 93	94.50	94.88	94.50	94.58	11197
Previous open interest: 51896	Sep 93	94.40	94.40	94.40	94.49	2

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.1 (day's range 79.9-80.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 8	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7565-2.7772	2.7701-2.7736	⅜-¼ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Brussels	50.36-50.57	50.40-50.50	9-13ds	26-31ds
Copenhagen	9.4080-9.4440	9.4090-9.4310	3⅞-5⅜ds	13⅞-15¼ds
Dublin	1.0026-1.0093	1.0059-1.0080	22-27ds	65-73ds
Frankfurt	2.4483-2.4555	2.4483-2.4516	⅜-½ds	1⅛-1⅜ds
Lisbon	227.92-229.28	228.29-228.75	214-286ds	486-714ds
Madrid	175.42-176.95	175.83-176.26	125-150ds	365-415ds
Milan	2386.60-2416.80	2386.60-2391.30	10-12ds	32-35ds
Montreal	1.9081-1.9206	1.9163-1.9184	0.13-0.04pr	0.26-0.12pr
New York	1.5175-1.5280	1.5250-1.5260	0.34-0.32pr	1.00-0.97pr
Oslo	10.4250-10.4670	10.4310-10.4540	2⅛-3ds	6¾-8ds
Paris	8.3000-8.3280	8.3030-8.3170	2⅜-2⅞ds	6¾-7⅛ds
Stockholm	11.5890-11.6510	11.5930-11.6170	3½-4⅜ds	10⅜-12¼ds
Tokyo	171.57-172.97	172.70-172.90	⅜-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Vienna	17.21-17.29	17.21-17.26	2½-3½ds	7-8½ds
Zurich	2.2542-2.2645	2.2577-2.2616	¼pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel
Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5209-1.5235
Australia dollar	2.1533-2.1564
Bahrain dinar	0.567-0.579
Brazil cruzeiro *	40816.0-40891.2
Cyprus pound	0.726-0.736
Finland marka	8.8245-8.9045
Greece drachma	330.75-337.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.8106-11.8199
India rupee	47.15-48.11
Kuwait dinar KD	0.454-0.464
Malaysia ringgit	3.9340-3.9398
Mexico peso	4.63-4.73
New Zealand dollar	2.8329-2.8401
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6345-5.7605
Singapore dollar	2.4821-2.4854
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9325-6.9830
S Africa rand (com)	4.8558-4.8637
U A E dirham	5.518-5.642

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4098-1.4108
Austria	11.29-11.31
Belgium (Com)	33.05-33.09
Canada	1.2578-1.2583
Denmark	6.17-6.18
France	5.445-5.450
Germany	1.6085-1.6095
Hong Kong	7.732-7.733
Ireland	1.514-1.516
Italy	1589.0-1591.0
Japan	113.03-113.08
Malaysia	2.5755-2.5775
Netherlands	1.8165-1.8175
Norway	6.84-6.85
Portugal	149.85-150.05
Singapore	1.625-1.626
Spain	115.4-115.8
Sweden	7.615-7.625
Switzerland	1.4809-1.4819

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 3 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅝; 3 mth 5 9/16. Sell: 2 mth 5 9/16; 3 mth: 5½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5¾-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5 23/32-5 19/32	5 21/32-5½	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5 11/16	5⅞-5 13/16	5⅞-5 13/16	5⅞-5 11/16	5 31/32-5 11/16
Interbank:	5⅞-5 11/16	5⅞-5 13/16	5⅞-5 13/16	5⅞-5 13/16	5 31/32-5 13/16

Overnight: open 5¾, close 3.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5¾	5¾	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5 11/16-5⅝	5 23/32-5 21/32	5 23/32-5 21/32	5 13/16-5¾	5 13/16-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.10-3.07	n/a	3.12-3.09	3.22-3.19	3.43-3.40
Building Society CDs:	5 23/32-5 21/32	5 23/32-5 21/32	5 23/32-5 21/32	5 23/32-5 21/32	5 23/32-5 21/32

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1993 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1993 to May 25, 1993 Scheme I: 7.36 %. Schemes II & III: 7.25 %. Reference rate Feb 27, 1993 to Mar 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.028 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3 3/16-2 15/16	3⅛-3	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	8⅛-7⅞	8⅛-8	7 15/16-7 13/16	7¾-7 9/16	8⅛-7⅞
French Franc:	10¾-10¼	9⅞-9⅝	9½-9¼	8 13/16-8 9/16	10½-9½
Swiss Franc:	5¼-4⅞	5⅜-5 3/16	5 1/16-4 15/16	4⅞-4⅝	5⅛-4⅝
Yen:	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3 3/16-3 1/16	3¼-3⅛	3¼-2¾

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $337.70-336.00 Close: $336.80-337.30 High: $338.50-339.00
Low: $335.40-335.90 Krugerrand: $336.00-338.00 (£219.00-221.00)
Sovereigns: Old $80.00-83.00 (£51.00-53.00) New $80.00-83.00 (£51.00-53.00)
Platinum: $358.75 (£234.95) Silver: $3.85 (£2.515) Palladium: $111.50 (£73.00)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	550	7	29	42	5	33	38
(*554)	600	1	11	21	51	65	71
ASDA	57	10	13½	15½	1	3	5
(*66)	67	1	8	10½	3	7½	9
Bass	500	47	58	70	1	12	17
(*547)	550	5	28	42	12	30	39
Boots	460	10	33	42	5	22	27
(*467½)	500	1	14	26	38	43	49
Br Airways	260	26	38	46	1	8½	13
(*282)	280	7½	25	34	5	16	21
BP	280	26	34	40	1	8	13
(*305)	300	8	22	28	4	15	21
	330	1	9	15	27	34	39
Br Steel	70	13	16	17½	1	3½	5
(*81½)	80	4	9½	12	1½	7½	9½
C & W	700	33	57	72	3	26	33
(*730)	750	3	30	45	28	51	60
CU	580	33	55	62	1½	15	24
(*610½)	629	3	28	37	23	36	50
Courtauld	550	14	33	47	4	27	34
(*556½)	600	1	13	26	45	62	65
GKN	420	27	45	49	1	13	21
(*443½)	460	2	20	29	18	33	42
Grnd Met	390	32	45	52	1	11	15
(*421)	420	6	27	34	8	22	30
ICI	1100	46	95	105	1½	34	53
(*1142½)	1150	12	66	80	19	57	83
	1200	2	44	59	63	87	112
Kingfshr	584	9	32	44	9	35	43
(*585)	632	1	14	26	50	67	72
Ladbroke	160	14	24	29	1½	10	14
(*172)	180	1½	14	21	11	18	25
Land Sec	500	38	45	50	1	11	17
(*535½)	550	3	14	22	17	40	43
M & S	330	14	25	33	1½	12	16
(*343½)	360	½	11	19	19	29	35
Sainsbury	460	7	27	37	7	30	33
(*458)	500	2	13	22	45	55	60
Shell	550	39	55	64	1	6½	14
(*587½)	600	3½	23	32	15	25	35
Smkl Bch	390	24	44	54	1	18	23
(*410½)	420	4½	28	38	13	33	36
Storehse	180	17	26	31	1	10	13
(*194½)	200	4½	15	22	8	21	24
Trafalgar	74	5	9½	14	2	6	7½
(*78)	83	1½	6½	9	6½	12	14
Unilever	1100	20	62	85	6	30	41
(*1115)	1150	3	36	55	40	57	66
Utd Bisc	360	20	36	45	1	13	18
(*376)	390	2½	20	29	14	27	32

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA	750	46	54	70	8½	25	34
(*783)	800	15	29	44	33	50	59
BAT Ind	850	51	76	89	16	32	48
(*884)	900	24	50	62	41	56	73
BTR	600	17	32	39	16	25	35
(*598½)	650	4	13	20	56	57	66
Br Aero	260	27	40	51	13	25	33
(*272½)	280	17	31	40	24	36	44
Br Telcm	420	19	30	35	8½	19	24
(*428)	460	4	11½	18	34	44	48
Cadbury	460	24	36	47	10	18	25
(*466½)	500	6½	18	28	35	40	47
Guinness	460	17	29	39	20	28	36
(*467)	500	4	14	25	51	54	61
GEC	300	25	31	34	3	9½	13½
(*322)	330	6½	13½	18½	14½	25	29
Hanson	220	15½	19	24	3	7½	11
(*230½)	240	5	9½	14	13½	18	22½
LASMO	140	19	25	30	4	9	12
(*154½)	160	7½	14	21	13	19	24
Lucas	120	12	17	21	6	10	14
(*126½)	130	5½	12½	16	11	15½	21
P & O	550	27	47	57	17	30	48
(*555)	600	7½	25	36	50	60	78
Pilkngtn	110	12	15	20	4	8	11
(*116)	120	7	10	15	8½	14	16
Prudential	300	36	43	47	2	6	10
(*332)	330	14	23	30	10	16	23
RTZ	650	31	53	67	14	27	39
(*662½)	700	10	29	44	45	55	65
Scot New	420	43	51	55	3	13	19
(*456½)	460	14	25	32	16	32	39
Tesco	220	10	18	24	11	15	19
(*224)	240	3	11	16	26	29	33
Thames W	550	22	30	35	10	28	33
(*556)	600	3½	10	18	46	62	64
Vodafone	360	36	44	54	5	14	19
(*388)	390	16	27	38	16	26	32

FT-SE INDEX (*2821)

	2750	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000
Calls						
Apr	80	38	8	3	2	1½
May	105	72	45	27	16	7
Jun	125	93	66	46	30	18
Jul	145	113	85	63	46	36
Dec	-	200	-	154	-	111
Puts						
Apr	3	11	35	85	134	184
May	25	41	66	100	138	184
Jun	44	60	83	114	149	189
Jul	61	76	103	130	165	204
Dec	-	130	-	180	-	239

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Abby Nat	360	21	30	38	12	19	24
(*368½)	390	9	17	25	29	36	41
Amstrad	30	5½	7½	8	2½	3½	4
(*34)	35	3½	5	6	4½	6	6½
Barclays	390	31	42	51	12	22	28
(*406)	420	16	27	37	28	38	44
Blue Circ	220	15	23	29	15	21	26
(*226½)	240	7½	15	20	30	34	38
Br Gas	280	35	35	38	4	7	12
(*310)	300	17½	22	26	9½	14	19½
	330	4	9½	13½	31	34	39
Dixons	200	23	28	35	10	18	22
(*208½)	220	11	18	26	22	29	33
Eurotnl	460	37	55	78	38	49	59
(*470)	500	20	39	60	59	74	81
Forte	180	13	17	21	14	17	22
(*182½)	200	5½	10	13	26	31	35
Glaxo	550	53	73	82	22	35	51
(*571½)	600	27	48	59	48	61	80
	650	14	31	41	85	95	115
HSBC	600	43	62	75	26	42	52
(*609)	650	21	40	53	55	70	78
Hillsdwn	140	13	16	21	10	14	17
(*147)	160	4	10	13	23	26	28
Lonrho	80	10	13	16	5½	9½	10
(*83½)	90	5	9	12	11½	14½	17
Reuter	1300	84	118	150	38	68	84
(*1335½)	1350	57	92	122	64	94	113
R-Royce	120	11	16	20	8	12	15
(*122½)	130	7	12	15	13	18	21
Sears	100	8½	12	14	6½	9	11
(*103)	110	3½	6½	9	13	15	17
Thrn Emi	850	37	52	65	26	51	59
(*856)	900	16	30	43	57	84	90
TSB	160	20	24	27	5	9½	12
(*174)	180	9	14	17	14	20	23
Vaal Reefs	50	5½	7½	9½	5	7	8½
(*$50)	60	2½	4	5½	11	13½	15
Wellcome	650	75	105	118	24	42	51
(*700)	700	47	73	90	47	65	79

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Fisons	160	11	22	29	3½	16	21
(*166½)	180	2½	13½	21	14	29	33

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
Eastrn Elc	460	40	50	56	4½	16½	22
(*492)	500	14	25	33	20	37	42

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Natl Pwr	330	26	36	45	9	14	19
(*345)	360	11	21	30	24	29	33
Scot Pwr	310	28	31	36	5	12	14
(*329)	330	14	20	24	12	21	24

April 8, 1993 Tot: 42360 Call: 21483 Put: 20877 FT-SE Call: 3251 Put: 5444
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Despite the proximity of Easter, coffee and cocoa traders have been unable to roll away the stone of apathy that has plagued the market this week. Trading interest in coffee centred on the May/July spread, while cocoa received support from light industry buying. New crops on wheat finally started to attract fresh selling as traders expected lower intervention prices to spark off fresh farm selling.

LONDON FOX

COCOA

May	690-689	Jul	780-778
Jul	702-701	Sep	793-791
Sep	715-714	Dec	815-807
Dec	734-732	Mar	845-825
Mar	753-752		
May	767-765		Volume: 3958

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	895-893	Jan	869-867
Jul	850 BID	Mar	880-870
Sep	850 BID	May	890-878
Nov	859 BID		Volume: 3381

RAW SUGAR (FOB)
C Czarnikow
Spot: 231.3

May	241.0-39.0	Dec	214.0-10.0
Aug	248.0-46.0	Mar	unq
Oct	245.0-43.0	May	220.0-15.0
		Aug	unq
			Volume: 8

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)
Reuters
Spot: 283.0

May	288.5-88.1	Dec	276.2-74.0
Aug	291.4-91.0	Mar	277.9-74.0
Oct	275.4-75.0	May	280.4-77.0
		Aug	284.9-80.5
			Volume: 2861

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 8

(p/kg lw)	Pigs	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	91.06	133.51	136.22
(+/-)	-1.74	-0.63	-0.85
Eng/Wales:	91.12	134.37	136.11
(+/-)	-1.64	-1.78	-0.46
(%)	-46.2	-64.1	-23.0
Scotland:	87.80	128.33	136.45
(+/-)	-13.73	-0.66	-2.12
(%)	n/a	-80.9	+16.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (Pkg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
May	112.0	112.0	Jul	unq	unq
Jun	109.0	109.5		Volume: 27	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	143.75
Jun	144.40
Sep	108.25
Nov	110.65
Jan	113.50
	Volume: 276

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	139.75
Sep	106.50
Nov	109.10
Mar	112.25
May	113.65
	Volume: 38

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Apr	144.50
Jun	140.00
Aug	141.00
Oct	144.50
Dec	unq
	Volume: 20

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	40.0	40.1
Apr	92.5	92.0
May	unq	98.0
		Volume: 22

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
May 60.25-60.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The market went into the weekend on a very relaxed note.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.50	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Apr)	18.60	-0.20
Brent 15 day (May)	18.70	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (May)	20.10	-0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	20.25	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	205 (-1)	207 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	176 (-6)	177 (-6)
Non EEC 1H Apr	177 (-4)	178 (-4)
Non EEC 1H May	175 (-2)	176 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	76 (n/c)	77 (n/c)
Naphtha	175 (-1)	176 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Apr	179.75 EXP	Jul	173.25-73.50
May	173.25-73.50	Aug	174.75-75.25
Jun	172.50-72.75	Sep	176.75-77.00
			Vol: 28646

BRENT (6.00pm)

May	18.73-18.74	Aug	18.88 SLR
Jun	18.81-18.82	Sep	18.86-19.03
Jul	n/a		Vol: 26521

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Apr	202.75 EXP	Jul	202.00-12.50
May	203.00 SLR	Aug	213.50 SLR
Jun	207.00 SLR		Vol: 324

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 93	1450	1435	1450
May 93	1423	1420	1422
Jun 93	unq	unq	1361
Jul 93	1260	1250	1260

Vol: 61 lots. Open int'st: 3060 Index 1477 +1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
(Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1326.0-1327.0	1348.0-1349.0	1809375
Lead (£/tonne)	285.50-286.00	294.50-295.00	112100
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	996.50-997.00	1015.0-1015.5	298050
Tin ($/tonne)	5625.0-5630.0	5680.0-5685.0	12850
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1113.0-1113.5	1135.0-1135.5	887775
Nickel ($/tonne)	5994.0-5995.0	6058.0-6062.0	40242

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Equities mark time

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began March 29. Dealings end April 16. §Contango day April 19. Settlement day April 26. *§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.*

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No	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Wimpey G	Building,Rds	
2	Renison	Mining	
3	Hall Eng	Industrial	
4	Meyer Int	Building,Rds	
5	Harrisn Crsfld	Industrial	
6	Br Polythene	Industrial	
7	Jessups	Motors,Air	
8	St Helena	Mining	
9	Tarmac	Building,Rds	
10	Hartstone	Drapery,Strs	
11	Bemrose	Paper,Print	
12	Tiphook	Transport	
13	IMI	Industrial	
14	Photo-Me	Industrial	
15	Higgs & Hill	Building,Rds	
16	Woodside	Oils, Gas	
17	Coats Viyella	Drapery,Strs	
18	McAlpine (A)	Building,Rds	
19	Smurfit (Jeff)	Paper,Print	
20	Berkeley Gp	Building,Rds	
21	Aus New Z	Banks,Disc	
22	Salvesen (C)	Business Serv	
23	Breedon PLC	Building,Rds	
24	Sth Western	Electricity	
25	Greenalls Grp	Breweries	
26	Cater Allen	Banks,Disc	
27	Chemring	Industrial	
28	Weir	Industrial	
29	Securiguard	Business Serv	
30	Bilton	Property	
31	Gibbon Lyons	Paper,Print	
32	Midlands Elec	Electricity	
33	Tie Rack	Drapery,Strs	
34	Hepworth	Industrial	
35	Headlam	Shoes,Lth	
36	Br Aerospace	Motors,Air	
37	News Corp	Newspapr,Pub	
38	Tomkins	Industrial	
39	MAI	Fin Trusts	
40	Mirror Gp.	Newspapr,Pub	

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
335	284	Meyer Int	322	+ 4	16.5	6.4	33.1
4	4	Miskin Gp♣	4	...	...	...	...
93	62	Mowlem (J)	91	+ 3	4.0	5.6	...
78	64	MSN	64	+ 5	...	...	...
57	48	Mucklow ♣	48	...	...	4.0	∞
140	120	Newman Tnks	131	+ 1	...	4.5	...
246	197	Persimmon	244	+ 6	8.6	3.4	24.9
26	22	Phoenix Timber	22	...	...	...	...
1625	1462½	Pochin	1462½	-64½	20.0	2.3	8.9
96	80	Prowting	91 †	...	5.4	4.7	∞
9½	4½	Quilligotte♣	4½	...	...	...	...
633	555	RMC Gp	609	- 7	20.0	4.7	22.6
117	91	Raine Ind	91½	- ½	6.0	8.2	15.3
36	20	Ramsay♣	22	...	...	...	...
499	405	Redland	434	- 1	...	7.5	29.6
75	64	Rentokil	72	...	4.3	7.8	∞
254	207	Rugby Group	241 †	- 4	6.4	3.3	∞
40	25	Rwtfrd-Rees♣	38	- 2	...	...	...
104	68	Sharpe & Fisher	99	...	4.0	5.6	...
172	118	Sheffield Insl	158 †	...	5.4	4.3	∞
93	82	Sheriff Hdgs♣	93	...	...	2.7	13.9
95	66	Shiloh♣	81	- 1	...	8.3	∞
228	205	Sidlaw (J)	205	...	8.5	5.2	9.3
6¼	4½	Stanmin	5½	...	0.3	6.8	6.6
133	103	Tarmac	133	+ 5	5.5	5.3	55.0
194	137	Tay Homes	173 †	...	5.8	4.2	11.1
57	43	Taylor Woodrw	56	...	1.0	1.3	...
533	433	Tilbury Dwgds	489	- 4	33.0	8.7	∞
24	19	Tilcon Hldgs♣	24	...	...	...	...
192	168	Travis Perkins	188	+ 3	8.0	5.3	26.6
94	80	Try Group	93	...	1.0	3.8	9.2
28	28	Tudor♣	28	...	...	...	...
57	41	Tilbroplast	48	+ 2	3.6	9.4	8.8
41	20	Ward Hldgs	35	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Wates Build	445	...	16.7	3.1	∞
14	8	Wescol♣	13	...	...	...	...
123	90	Westbury	120	+ 2	...	8.1	...
12	4½	West Scaffold♣	9	...	...	...	...
12	5	Wiggins	9½	...	...	...	...
399	371	Wilson Bowdn	394	+ 5	8.7	2.8	∞
178	147	Wilson (C)	166	+ 3	3.9	3.6	∞
157	107	Wimpey G	149 †	+ 6	5.2	4.4	∞
41	25	YRM	41	...	4.0	...	4.7

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	580	+10	...	...	∞
228	198	Adams & Harvey	215	...	11.0	5.1	5.3
88	56	Air Londion♣	80	- 1	...	5.5	9.9
50	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.6	...
175	125	Aunt Sec	154	+ 2	5.3	4.4	...
156	134	BET Ord	148	...	...	3.5	12.7
75	41	BNB Res	73 †	+ 3	4.9	8.4	∞
318	258	BPP	284 †	...	8.0	3.5	∞
285	250	Barlnsor Indsy	250	...	7.2	3.6	18.6
20	15	Bostwood	17	...	0.7	5.3	...
226	186	Brit Data Mgt	211	- 1	...	2.4	17.3
14	11	Broadcastdata♣	14	...	...	...	...
65	55	Brooks Service	55	...	4.0	...	17.5
18	14	CKT Gp	18	...	2.4	13	10.3
936	419	Capita Group	459	+19	2.0	0.4	∞
40	31	Casket Plc	38	...	0.5	1.6	14.5
55	40	Chiltern Capital	51	...	...	...	...
35	26	Christie	33	...	...	...	...
225	218	Chubb Sec	266	...	...	1.3	20.6
33	18	Comasec	31	...	...	...	...
19¾	6½	Corp Services	14½	...	...	...	...
80	50	Dani	80	...	3.3	5.2	9.1
231	198	Davis Service	231	+ 1	...	4.3	∞
104	85	DY Tech♣	97	...	...	2.3	...
16½	11	Gardiner	15 †	...	0.6	3.5	∞
36	20	Gardner (DC)	35	...	...	...	16.1
298	226	Hays	293	- 2	4.6	2.5	22.8
220	175	Hogg Robinson	176	...	6.3	4.5	13.2
70	58	Holmes Protectn	58	...	...	...	9.7
162	137	Hunch Whitmp	144	- 1	...	3.3	...
£120⅞	96½	ISS B DKr	£117⅞	...	...	0.9	16.6
637	532	Inchcape	596	+ 6	...	2.9	19.9
863	669	Johnson Clean	830 †	- 3	25.7	3.9	∞
9	7	Lep	9¼	...	...	...	...
244	173	Mitie Gp	214	...	2.7	1.6	17.6
1187	885	Manpower	1026	...	...	...	...
44½	41	Michael Page	42	...	1.8	5.5	∞
279	187	Pentaco	269	...	...	0.9	60.2
4¼	2	Prime Peoples♣	2½	...	...	...	...
120	85	Proudfoot Alex	118	...	10.3	22.8	3.5
423	385	RCO	395	...	12.8	4.4	13.5
118	113	RBA	113	...	4.0	4.4	...
69	43	Reed Executive	43	...	...	...	...
156	115	Reliance Secs	115	- 7	...	4.9	11.6
238	208	Renaksli	216 †	+ 2	2.3	1.3	∞
278	240	Robt & Nolan	277	...	6.2	2.8	18.6
399	343	Salvesen (C)	357	+ 4	7.0	2.5	19.8
35	29	Scot Fieldwrk♣	35	...	...	8.3	10.3
206	164	Sennigrotti	176	+ 5	9.4	6.7	9.3
6	5	Select Appt♣	6	...	...	...	...
983	695	Serco Gp	953	...	14.0	1.8	∞
353	252	Shared Cmpt♣	311	...	...	2.9	∞
132	66	Sheridan	117	+ 7	3.0	2.6	11.8
335	327	Warner Howard	335 †	...	...	2.3	18.9
45	29	Weipar	30	- 5	0.8	2.5	...
23½	14	Wills Gp	23½	+ 1	...	0.5	32.5

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
403	345	Abbey Nt	389	...	11.5	3.9	14.2
248	179	Allied Irish	246	+ 1	...	4.6	∞
176	137	Aus New Z	156	+ 5	...	5.2	...
360⅔	283½	Bankamerica	336⅝	+7⅝	...	...	...
268	188	Bk of Ireland	263	...	...	4.9	38.9
325	225	Bk Lenmi Irl	325	...	...	17.0	6.5
140	116½	Bank Scotland	121	...	4.3	4.5	19.1
404	362	Barclays	406	- 1	15.1	4.7	∞
3½	2	Benchmark	2½	...	...	...	...
52	31	Brown Shipley	35	...	...	...	...
19½	15½	Carlisle	17	...	1½	...	...
475	395	Cater Allen	475	+ 3	26.0	5.8	...
115	85	Castles	113 †	...	...	4.6	∞
2450	1787½	Chase Manh	2325 †	+75	...	...	...
2043½	1343½	Citicorp	1925 †	+68½	...	...	...
345	250	Close Bros	340	- 3	...	3.5	16.1
12.75½	9275	Commercial.	1121½	...	...	3.2	...
1304½	1250½	Deutsche Bk	1286	...	...	2.2	...
81	45	First Nat Fin	60	...	...	...	...
1227	876	Fuji Bank Y	1208	+28	...	0.4	65.1
435	343	Gerrard Nat	435	+ 1	...	21.0	6.0
654	480	HSBC	610 †	- 2	...	19.0	3.9	∞
634	474	HSBC Bk	594	- 1	...	19.0	4.1	∞
356	243	Hambros	324	- 1	...	13.8	5.3	14.4
363	313	Joseph (L)	360	...	...	15.8	5.5	...
126	96	King Shaxson	125	...	...	10.0	8.0	...
395	312	Kleinwort Ben	378	...	...	16.0	5.3	13.1
573	492	Lloyds	534	+ 2	18.4	4.3	16.8
86	63	Lon Scot Bk	85	...	...	3.0	4.4	16.8
432	322	Nat Aust BK	417	+ 7	...	5.3	13.4	∞
495	398	Nat West	441	+ 1	...	17.5	5.0	26.8
1030	674	Provident	820	...	...	28.5	4.3	14.2
47	39	Rea Bros	43 †	...	...	0.5	1.5	45.7
274	207	Ryl Bk Scot	259	...	...	8.8	4.3	∞
1975	1335	Schroders	1793 †	...	...	22.0	1.5	∞
731	576	Stand Chart	698	- 2	...	...	...	...
187	149½	TSB	174	+ 1	6.4	4.6	...
119	78	Union Disc	104	...	...	...	...	...
649	529	Warburg SC	649	+ 9	18.0	3.5	19.2
218	185	do 6% 'A'	218	+ 1	...	4.7	...	...
7625	4843½	Wells Fargo	7095½	+237½	...	...	...	...
159	121	Westpac	141	+ 1	...	5.7	...	...
215	188	Wintrust	205	...	9.3	5.7	7.9

BREWERIES

646	550	Allied-Lyons	552	- 6	20.0	4.5	12.8
547	503	Bass	547	- 1	18.9	4.3	11.9
258	194	Boddington	244	- 5	7.3	3.7	14.2
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	406	...	9.0	2.2	9.7
159	129	Burnonvl Brw	133	...	4.4	4.2	9.7
307	261	Dewhirst (JA)	298	...	7.8	3.3	16.8
98	75	Eldridge P 'A'	96	...	...	4.5	23.5
68½	54½	Fraser's Brewing	58	...	...	...	5.1	7.4
360	338	Fuller Sm 'A'♣	360	...	...	...	9.1	27.9
480	411	Grand Met	465	+ 5	12.3	3.6	14.0
423	388	Greenalls Grp	395	+ 7	11.7	3.7	13.1
593	505	Greene King	559	+ 1	11.6	2.6	14.5
516	440	Guinness	467	+ 3	...	2.2	16.3
281	230	Hardy Hanson	238	...	...	3.0	23.5
112	108	Heavitree♣	108	...	...	3.0	3.9
78	70	Ind Cp 'A' LV♣	78	...	...	3.0	4.9
288	255	Highland Dist	278	...	...	10.0	1.5	18.7
3125	2538	Holt J	3000	...	...	...	...	33.8
56	33	Hoskins Bros	47	- 1	7.0	3.4	∞
323	250	Invrgordn Dist	261 †	...	0.9	0.7	∞
186	168	Macallan-Glen	168	...	8.8	2.8	12.3
485	380	Macph Martn 'A'	390	...	11.0	2.3	15.7
730	655	Mansfield	720	...	4.9	2.5	14.6
256	231	Mason Thmp	249	...	15.7	4.7	12.7
435	412	Matthew Clark	422	...	...	3.0	19.0
300	255	Mrydwn W	263	+ 2	...	8.4	2.3	18.0
490	458	Morland	458	...	...	...	2.1	17.7
12	9½	Paramount♣	10	...	...	...	3.1	∞
950	708	SA Breweries	863	...	...	...	...	...
482½	406	Scot & New	457	...	16.1	4.4	13.5
198	181	Taunton Cider	198	...	...	6.8	6.3	∞
242	213	Vaux Group	242	- 1	9.3	5.0	16.2
268	225	Wetherspoon JD	258	...	...	2.3	20.8
497½	435	Whitbread 'A'	457	+ 1	16.9	4.6	12.9
1180	870	do 'B'	875	...	16.9	2.4	24.6
613	561	Wolvrhmptn D	577	- 6	11.4	2.5	16.2
515	480	Young 'A'	480	...	14.5	3.8	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

115	73	Abbey	115	...	...	...	1.2	41.5
27	13	Alfreighton♣	19	...	...	...	7.0	10.8
106	87	Allen♣	84	+ 1	...	3.0	4.5	∞
94	68	Amec	92	...	4.1	3.0	21.7
9½	4	Argyll Sec	5½	...	...	...	...	...
188	155	Ashtead♣	175	...	...	5.0	5.8	15.7
142	110	Attwoods	110	+ 1	...	...	4.6	52.4
238	180	BPB Ind	206	...	8.1	5.3	14.9
80	57	Baggeridge Brk	74	...	0.5	...	...	...
31	18	Bailey (Benj) Cm	27	...	1.2	2.1	13.4
82	58	Barcoon	74	...	2.6	1.6	14.4
101	138	Barratt Devs	129 †	- 1	11.8	3.7	22.7
392	305	Bellway	382	...	...	...	2.0	20.4
385	285½	Berkeley Gp	382	...	...	...	8.8	2.4
45	37	Brit Bros	45	...	...	1.0	3.0	∞
46	39	Blockleys	46	...	...	2.4	2.2	22.7
249	189	Blue Circle	237	+ 5	17.2	7.2	15.1
280	220	Boot (Henry)	270	+ 2	...	6.6	...	...
98	78	Breedon PLC	95	...	...	5.3	7.0	∞
85	67	Br Dredging	81	...	...	5.3	...	...
70	49	Brit Fittings	68	...	...	4.8	4.8	27.0
45	39	Bryant	45	+ 1	...	2.3	...	...
70	58	CALA	70	...	...	...	3.6	16.1
263	253	CRH	253 †	+ 1	...	...	...	...
46	36	Calednread Rby	33	...	...	...	...	...
43	23	Costain	33½	+ 2	4.1	4.2	32.2
60	47	Crummyside	58	...	...	0.0	...	...
98	78	Crest Nicholson	80	...	...	...	...	...
26	26	Crosslss	26	...	...	...	...	...
1½	1	Dunsions♣	1¼	...	...	...	...	...
24½	16½	Edmond Hidgs	21½	...	0.5	2.9	...	...
16	12	Epwin	16	+ 1	0.8	4.6	...	...
188	128	Ettrick	45	...	...	...	3.6	12.1
272	212	Eve Groups♣	38½	+ 2	2.0	6.7	∞	...
34	24	Everett Rankin	30	...	...	...	...	...
7	4	Explanate♣	6	...	...	...	...	...
97	77	Freeman Gps	120	...	...	4.3	...	15.7
42	28	Galliford	39	...	...	...	...	...
58	38	Gibbs & Dandy	58	...	...	12.7	2.1	11.1
78	58	Gleeson (MJ)	78	...	...	1.0	1.2	∞
905	705	Hawden-Stuart	905	...	...	24.6	...	40.8
90	68	Hewetson	90	...	12.5	6.7	...	...
248	198	Heywd Wms	232 †	...	7.5	4.9	∞
65	49	Higgs & Hill	65	...	2.5	...	10.7
37	29	How Gp	37	...	0.5	3.7	...
55	39	Howard Hidgs	53	- 1	0.5	...	...
39	29	Ibstock Johnsen	39	...	0.5	...	...
17½	14½	Jarvis	17½	...	0.5	4.9	∞
12	9	Lafarge	12	...	0.4	3.3	11.1
68	58	Lafarge (I)	63	...	...	...	9.1
30	23	Lilley (Chas)♣	30	...	1.0	3.3	17.9
292	252	Lovell (J)	292	...	6.3	2.2	16.2
57	45	Manders	56 †	+ 2	...	4.5	∞
38	29	Marley	38	...	...	...	22.8
78	58	Marshalls	124 †	...	6.5	5.0	11.9
130	78	Maunders (J)	163	+ 3	8.5	5.0	28.2
182	98	McAlpine (A)	122	...	...	0.5	6.1	...
23	14	McCarthy & S	22½	...	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICITY

489	399	East Midlands	480½	+ 2½	17.0	4.4	9.3
498	399	Eastern Elect	492	...	16.7	4.2	12.2
509	395	Hydro—Elect	492	...	16.8	4.2	12.4
500½	404	London Elect	498	+ 1	16.8	4.2	9.6
547	458	Manweb	544	+ 1	18.2	4.2	9.8
514	424½	Midlands Elec	506 †	+ 4	17.2	4.3	10.6
548	440	Northern Elec	540	+ 5	18.5	4.3	8.0
344	277	Norweb	343	+ 1	11.7	4.2	10.2
337	285	Scottish Power	329	- ½	10.1	3.8	12.2
538	436	Scottsoun	523	- 4	17.2	4.1	9.4
567	469	Sth Wales	566	+ 1	19.4	4.3	9.0
539	436	Sth Western	529	+ 4	17.4	4.1	9.5
493	403	Southern Elec	492	+ 1	16.6	4.2	9.7
550	455	Yorkshire Elec	549	+ 1	17.7	4.0	10.2
354½	273	National Power	345 †	- ½	9.1	3.3	11.4
352	273	PowerGen	349 †	- 3	...	3.8	10.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

248	220	Allied Colloids	228	...	...	3.9	2.7	18.1
759	613	Amersham	698	- 5	12.5	2.2	25.9
7	4½	Anglo Utd♣	4½	...	0.8	...	...	...
£303½	252½	BASF DM	90⅞⅞	...	...	...	7.1	...
269	231	BTP	252	...	...	8.0	4.8	18.4
£119	£104½	Bayer DM50	£115½	-75	...	8.0	4.3	...
156	134	Blagden	148	...	...	9.5	8.0	...
165	137	Brent Chems	137 †	- 4	7.4	6.8	∞
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	465	...	...	...	...	...
28	18	Cairn Gp	26	...	...	1.3	6.4	∞
153	127	Canning (W)	153	...	...	6.3	6.6	...
608	533½	Courtaulds	557	...	- 1	13.0	2.9	15.1
270♣	228	Crodn	269	...	7.75½	3.7	∞
148	121	DooDer	128 †	...	...	4.6	4.5	∞
198	175	Elds & Everard	180	...	...	7.0	4.6	16.4
28	19½	Exm Colour	20½	...	...	0.5	2.1	...
201	259	Halstead (J)	285 †	...	...	...	2.5	14.3
225	194	Hickson	217	+ 1	...	8.0	4.7	∞
1114½	961½	Hoechst	£1009½	...	...	...	7.8	...
1284	1068	ICI	1143	...	...	35.0	6.0	28.4
668	581	Laporte	662 †	+ 1	...	16.0	2.9	∞
223	197	Leigh	197	...	...	7.8	5.0	16.1
19½	11	MTM	11	- 3	1.8	...	...	2.2
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1600	...	...	...	1.8	∞
420	350	Ransom Zoch	410 †	...	...	14.4	18.1	...
375	280	do 'A'	372 †	- 1	...	11.4	3.5	16.1
286	254	Flyn	267	- 1	...	6.0	2.8	18.0
210	173	Perwic	208	...	...	3.6	2.7	22.2
13	7½	Sandlife Speak	10½	...	...	...	...	...
495	425	Wardle Storeys	440	- 3	16.0	4.5	17.7
497	395	Wimbledon E	480	- 3	17.0	4.7	∞
391	366	Yorks Chem	379	- 1	...	2.5	20.3
306	260	Yule Catto	293	...	5.4	2.3	17.8

DRAPERY, STORES

105	63	Alexon	78	...	3.0	4.8	...
20	9	Amber Day	19	+ 1	3.1	5.7	18.6
349	257	Argos Plc	307 †	+ 6	...	2.9	21.1
90	69	Ashley (Laura)	84	- 1	0.1	0.1	...
305	283	Aspreys♣	290	...	...	2.1	23.5
203	168	Austin Reed	188	...	6.9	...	14.7
156	134	Blagden	148	...	5.5	3.7	12.7
165	137	Brent Chems	137 †	- 4	7.4	6.8	∞
530	428	Br Bio-Tech	465	...	...	...	...	...
28	18	Cairn Gp	26	...	...	1.3	6.4	∞
153	127	Canning (W)	153	...	...	6.3	6.6	...
608	533½	Courtaulds	557	...	- 1	13.0	2.9	15.1
270♣	228	Crodn	269	...	7.75½	3.7	∞
148	121	DooDer	128 †	...	...	4.6	4.5	∞
198	175	Elds & Everard	180	...	...	7.0	4.6	16.4
28	19½	Exm Colour	20½	...	...	0.5	2.1	...
201	259	Halstead (J)	285 †	...	...	...	2.5	14.3
225	194	Hickson	217	+ 1	...	8.0	4.7	∞
1114½	961½	Hoechst	£1009½	...	...	...	7.8	...
1284	1068	ICI	1143	...	...	35.0	6.0	28.4
668	581	Laporte	662 †	+ 1	...	16.0	2.9	∞
223	197	Leigh	197	...	...	7.8	5.0	16.1
19½	11	MTM	11	- 3	1.8	...	...	2.2
1712½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1600	...	...	...	1.8	∞
420	350	Ransom Zoch	410 †	...	...	14.4	18.1	...
375	280	do 'A'	372 †	- 1	...	11.4	3.5	16.1
286	254	Flyn	267	- 1	...	6.0	2.8	18.0
210	173	Perwic	208	...	...	3.6	2.7	22.2
13	7½	Sandlife Speak	10½	...	...	...	...	...
495	425	Wardle Storeys	440	- 3	16.0	4.5	17.7
497	395	Wimbledon E	480	- 3	17.0	4.7	∞
391	366	Yorks Chem	379	- 1	...	2.5	20.3
306	260	Yule Catto	293	...	5.4	2.3	17.8

FINANCE, LAND

60½	51	Alfred Shaw	54	...	0.5	...	34.5
75	47	BWD♣	75	...	...	5.3	11.7
77	26	Bskic Plc	77	+ 5	1.0	1.6	∞
458	428	Caledonia	438	- 3	14.4	4.2	16.5
1580	1075	Camellia	1425	...	20.0	1.4	13.0
258	240	Capdover	249 †	...	10.2	5.3	...
91	71	Fleetwch♣	88	+ 3	...	...	8.7
267	155	Gowrie	267	+ 7	...	6.2	7.6
148	125	Hogg Stone	141	+ 1	...	5.6	14.8
6½	3½	LIT	3½	- ½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lghtnthip	12 ⅛	...	...	...	...	...
185	154	Lnd Forthings♣	184	...	8.4	5.9	13.0
57	47	Manakin	55	...	...	...	...	...
10½	3½	Nat Home Loan	10	+ ½	...	...	...	...
47	40	Newcastle♣	45	+ 1	...	...	...	...
209	208	Rathbone Bro	207 †	...	8.0	2.9	∞
22	17	Rashand Tst	20½	...	0.8	4.9	∞
330	280	S & U	299	...	...	14.8	10.8
87	68	Singer & Fried	68	...	2.6	3.3	∞
938	788	Sotheby	863	-25	...	4.6

Council can investigate immigrant status

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte Tower Hamlets London Borough Council

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment April 7]

A local housing authority was entitled, when exercising its duties under Part III of the Housing Act 1985 in respect of persons who were homeless or threatened with homelessness, to satisfy itself whether applicants or their dependent relatives were illegal entrants, and where it was so satisfied the housing authority was entitled to refuse the application.

The Court of Appeal so stated allowing an appeal by Tower Hamlets London Borough Council from the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Waterhouse) (*The Times* April 20, 1992) which had refused its application for judicial review by way of declaratory relief that the contents of certain paragraphs of the Code of Guidance (Third edition) issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment on September 1, 1991 to housing *authorities*, were wrong in law.

Paragraph 4.11 of the code stated: "Everyone admitted to this country is entitled to equal treatment under the law; their rights under Part III of the Act are no different from those of any other person. Authorities should remember to treat as confidential information received on an applicant's immigration status."

Mr Ashley Underwood and Miss Lisa Giovannetti for the local authority: Mr David Pannick, QC, for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that by paragraph 50 of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 251), made under the powers conferred by section 3(2) of the Immigration Act 1971, a person seeking admission as a spouse of a person who was present and settled had to hold a current entry clearance, which would be refused unless the entry clearance officer was satisfied that there would be adequate accommodation for the parties and their dependants without recourse to public funds. By paragraph 1 of the rules "public funds" included housing under Part III of the 1985 Act.

There were two classes of illegal immigrants with whom a housing authority might be concerned: (i) those entering clandestinely who obtained no leave to enter. It was common ground no duty was owed to such persons by the housing authority under the Act: (ii) those who obtained leave to enter as a result of false and deceitful statements about the availability of accommodation in the United Kingdom.

His Lordship referred to the measure of agreement between the parties that (a) if the immigration authorities decided a person were an illegal entrant, a housing authority had no duty to house him, (b) neither the Immigration Act nor the rules prevented the housing authority making enquiries as to what statements, representations or undertakings were given in relation to accommodation by or on behalf of an applicant; rather it was its duty to do so, and (c) if the housing authorities, as a result of their enquiries suspected that the applicant was an illegal entrant, nothing prevented them from informing the immigration authorites, rather it was their duty to do so.

Mr Underwood had submitted that the local authority was not only entitled to investigate whether or not the applicant obtained leave to enter by deceit relating to housing accommodation, but also to decide that question in the light of its investigation.

If the question was decided adversely to the applicant, the authority had no duty under the Act, and paragraph 4.11 of the code was at best far from clear and at worst misleading.

Mr Pannick, basing his argument on *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Khawaja* ([1984] AC 74, 119) *per* Lord Bridge of Harwich, submitted that it was for the immigration authorities alone and not the housing authority to decide whether an applicant was an illegal entrant in the sense that he had obtained leave to enter by deception.

His Lordship said that there was nothing in the language of section 33(1) of the 1971 Act and the definition of "illegal entrant" which imported into it the opinion of the immigration authorities or the secretary of state. Nothing in the 1971 Act or the rules suggested that it was only enforceable by those authorities.

In his Lordship's judgment, a person who obtained leave to enter by deceit which amounted to an offence under section 26(1)(c) was an illegal entrant from the moment he so obtained leave, whether or not the true facts were known to the immigration authorities, and whether or not they had taken any action against him.

That view was entirely supported by Lord Fraser of Tullybelton in *Khawaja*'s case (at p97) and by Lord Wilberforce (at pp98 and 105). His Lordship did not think, having regard to the kernel of Lord Bridge's judgment (at p118), that Mr Pannick's reliance on the passage at p119 was sustainable.

From the practical viewpoint, Mr Underwood's submission had much to commend it. It was the housing authority, rather than the immigration authorities which would most probably discover a deception by an immigant in relation to availability of accommodation, since it would be to that authority that an application would be made which, in the absence of change of circumstances, belied the representation.

It should not be necessary for the housing authority to refer the case for decision to the immigration authorities with all the consequent delay, although his Lordship would expect the authority to report its decision and the grounds on which it was based to them.

They would then have to decide whether to remove or deport the applicant or permit him to remain.

If the latter course were adopted, his Lordship expected both the applicant and the housing authority to be told that the applicant had been granted leave to remain and the original leave to enter validated. In that case the applicant could no longer be treated as an illegal entrant but as being lawfully here.

Pending the result of its enquiries, the local housing authority had to secure that accommodation was available if it had reason to believe that an applicant might be homeless and have a priority need. If it concluded that the applicant was an illegal entrant to whom no duty was owed, it might evict him, but where its decision was challenged by way of judicial review, it should not take steps to do so until the application was dismissed.

The Master of the Rolls delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Mr J. E. Marlowe, Tower Hamlets; Treasury Solicitor.

Purchaser must be secure tenant until transfer

City of Bradford Metropolitan Council v McMahon

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Waite

[Judgment April 7]

The provisions of the Housing Act 1985 dealing with a council tenant's right to purchase the property contained an implicit requirement that the tenant had to remain a secure tenant until the conveyance or grant of the property.

Where a tenant died after the right to buy had been established and a price agreed between the parties but no conveyance had taken place, the right to buy disappeared and did not pass under the tenant's estate.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the City of Bradford Metropolitan Council from a decision of Judge Hutchinson, QC, in Bradford County Court, refusing the councils' claim for possession of 32 Hillcrest Road, Queensbury, Bradford and granting a declaration on a counterclaim by Mrs Linda McMahon that the right to buy was an equitable interest vested in and enforceable by her as the representative of the estate of her mother, Mrs Eggott, a secure tenant with the right to buy the property for the sum of £10,712 at the time of her death.

Mr Nicholas Stewart, QC and Mr Toby Kempster for the council: Mr Terence Etherton, QC and Mr P. B. Walker for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON said that the Housing Act 1985 provided for five events which were to take place in the process whereby a secure tenant under a local authority tenancy bought from the landlord:

1 By section 121 a secure tenant claimed to exercise the right to buy by written notice to that effect.

2 The landlord, within a period which was either four or eight weeks, had to state whether it accepted the right or denied it, section 124.

3 Where the right to buy had been established, the landlord, within a period which was either eight weeks or twelve weeks, had to state the price at which the house ought to be sold and the terms to be included in the conveyance or grant, section 125.

4 Those terms were then agreed by the tenant, or any issue between them was determined. That followed from section 138.

5 By section 138(1) where a secure tenant had claimed to exercise a right to buy and that right had been established, then, as soon as all matters relating to the grant had been agreed or determined, if the dwelling-house was a house and the landlord owned the freehold, the landlord had to make to the tenant a grant of the dwelling-house in fee simple absolute.

In the case of Mrs Eggott the first four steps had been completed at the time of her death and there was nothing in the Act which said in express terms that the right to buy was lost if the secure tenant died before the fifth event occurred.

After referring to other authorities his Lordship turned to *Sutton London Borough Council v Swann* ((1985) 18 HLR 140, 144) where Lord Justice Ackner, construing section 16(11) of the Housing Act 1980 which was in slightly different terms to section 139(2) of the 1985 Act, said: "The section proceeds on the assumption that ... the grant has to be made to a secure tenant ... If during the period between claim and grant, the tenant has ceased to be a secure tenant, he is not entitled to that grant."

In *Muir Group Housing Association Ltd v Thornley* (*The Times* October 29, 1992) Lord Justice Mann concluded that the tenants' counterclaim failed for five reasons:

1 Section 125(1), which dealt with the third event, the notice of the landlord's proposed terms, referred to a "secure tenant", and showed an assumption that such a person still existed.

2 Section 139(2) provided that on the grant to the tenant of an estate in fee simple, the secure tenancy came to an end, showing a similar assumption. That reflected the reasoning of Lord Justice Ackner on the similar provisions in the 1980 Act).

3 Section 155(1) provided that a conveyance of the freehold had to contain "a covenant binding on the secure tenant" — same assumption.

4 Section 118(1) conferred the right to buy on "a secure tenant" and showed that there had to be a secure tenant throughout the ensuing process.

5 *Swann*'s case actually decided in favour of that assumption.

Like *Swann*'s case, the *Muir Group* case was not binding authority leading to the conclusion that the counterclaim failed in the present case.

In neither of those cases had all of the first four events occurred before the tenant ceased to be a secure tenant. Thus point 5 in the reasoning of Lord Justice Mann might not apply here. Nor for that matter did point 1, since that was based on the section which dealt with the third event.

Nevertheless, his Lordship agreed that the 1985 Act contained the implicit requirement that the tenant had to remain a secure tenant until the conveyance or grant, the fifth event. That followed from points 1, 2 and 3 in the reasoning of Lord Justice Mann and accorded with the express conclusion reached by Lord Justice Ackner.

His Lordship concluded by saying that it followed from the judge's reasoning that Mrs Eggott might have obtained an injunction, immediately before she died, requiring the council to convey the house to her.

It also followed that other secure tenants in the future might seek an injunction, if their health was precarious and their landlords dilatory.

However, those consequences did not persuade him that the court should depart from what he regarded as the clear meaning of the Act and he would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice gave a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Waite agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Mr Allen R. Sykes, Bradford: Harrison Tankard & Mossmans, Bradford.

No abuse of position

Leyland Daf Ltd v Automotive Products plc

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Rose

[Judgment April 6]

Withholding further supplies of goods to an insolvent company until goods already supplied had been paid for was not an abuse of a dominant position for the purposes of article 86 of the Treaty of Rome.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by Leyland Daf Ltd from the refusal by Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor (*The Times* April 6) to grant an injunction compelling Automotive Products plc to supply brake and clutch systems for Leyland trucks and vans.

Mr Michael Crystal, QC, Mr Martin Pascoe and Mr Paul Lasok for Leyland; Mr David Donaldson, QC and Mr Adam Lewis for Automotive Products.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that Leyland manufactured Leyland trucks and Leyland Daf vans. On February 3, 1993 a syndicate of banks which had provided finance for Leyland, in exercise of a power under a mortgage debenture, appointed administrative receivers for Leyland, which had become insolvent.

The outlook for creditors of Leyland was bleak. It was unlikely that unsecured creditors would receive any payment in the winding up of the company. The receivers had been doing all they could to keep the production lines going. They desired to continue the businesses in the hope of finding buyers for them.

Automotive Products was the supplier of brake and clutch system for Leyland. When the receivers were appointed, Leyland owed AP £758,955. AP was anxious about its unpaid bill and had stipulated that it would make further supplies of the systems only if the receivers paid the pre-receivership debts owed to it by Leyland.

It was common ground that, apart from European Community law, AP's stance was legitimate: see *Ex parte Chalmers; In re Edwards* ((1873) 8 Ch App 289, 291).

Article 86 of the Treaty of Rome provided: "Any abuse by one or more undertakings of a dominant position within the common market or in a substantial part of it shall be prohibited as incompatible with the common market in so far as it may affect trade between member states..."

The Vice-Chancellor decided the case principally on the ground that there had been no abuse of a dominant position by AP. It had been exercising its normal common law rights in not providing any more supplies until it was paid the amount owed.

In so far as it was said that AP was in a dominant position within the terms of the article, it had to be pointed out that AP was not the designer of the systems but supplied them according to Leyland's specifications. Any competent engineer could do the work although it might take a long time before it was in a position to do so. It would be going too far to hold that AP, in the circumstances, had a dominant position in the market.

His Lordship would agree with the Vice-Chancellor that no arguable case of abuse had been made out by Leyland and, therefore, the appeal would be dismissed.

Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Rose delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; Dibb Lupton Broomhead.

Enforcing undertaking as to damages

Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society v Ricketts and Others

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Mann and Lord Justice Peter Gibson

[Judgment April 7]

On an application for the enforcement of an undertaking as to damages made on the discharge before trial of an interlocutory injunction, the court had a number of options available to it.

If there were matters on which the court could not yet make a final decision but which would be material to the question whether it would be just to enforce the undertaking, the court should postpone the matter until after the trial of the action.

The Court of Appeal held allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, the Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, from an order dated January 23, 1991 of Sir Peter Pain sitting as a High Court judge. The judge had on the application of the first defendant, Mark Ricketts, and the fourth defendants, Stylegrade Ltd, discharged interlocutory injunctions made *ex parte* against them and ordered that there should be an enquiry as to what damage, if any, the first and fourth defendants had suffered.

The injunctions had been granted on the application of the building society supported by an affidavit sworn by the head of the internal audit department which stated that a possible mortgage fraud had been perpetrated by the defendants. The nature of the fraud alleged was that moneys had been obtained from the building society by the overvaluation of properties.

Mr Steven Gee for the building society: Mr Michael Burton, QC, for the first and fourth defendants.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON, agreeing with Lord Justice Neill, said that the appeal raised an important point affecting the practice of the court on the enforcement of undertakings as to damages given by the successful applicant for an interlocutory injunction when subsequently the injunction was shown to have been wrongly granted.

On an application, made on the discharge before trial of an undertaking as to damages, the court had a number of options available to it.

First, it could accede to the application and proceed to determine the question of damages there and then. Save in the most straightforward of cases where all the relevant facts were known the court was unlikely to exercise its discretion in that way.

Second, it could allow the application and order that the enquiry should follow at a specified time. That was the course adopted by the judge in the present case in ordering the enquiry and giving directions for such an enquiry.

Third, it could stand over the application to a specified time, and usually that would be done and the application would be adjourned to the trial in a case in which the question was whether the interlocutory injunction was rightly granted had not been determined.

Fourth, it would appear that it was possible to order an enquiry but to direct that the question of liability be determined at the hearing of the enquiry.

Fifth, it could refuse the application: but, as with the first course, that would only be done in the most straightforward case, such as, for example, when it was clear that the respondent had suffered no loss by reason of the order.

Mr Burton placed particular reliance on the exceptional nature of a *Mareva* [asset-freezing] injunction, pointing out that such an injunction was merely ancillary relief and that its discharge was not conclusive or even necessarily relevant to the merits of the underlying claim which could been brought and pursued without the *Mareva* injunction.

He laid stress on the fact that there was no appeal against the discharge of the *Mareva* injunction nor was there any subsequent application for a fresh injunction.

Accordingly, he submitted that in the absence of special circumstances, the failure of the building society to satisfy the stringent rules applicable to *Mareva* injunctions entitled the judge to exercise his discretion in the way he did.

His Lordship did not doubt that the fact that the more important of the two injunctions granted was a *Mareva* injunction was a significant factor to be taken into account, but in his Lordship's judgment, it was only one factor and its discharge was not conclusive of the question whether an enquiry ought to be ordered at that stage.

The court would of course first consider whether or not the injunction was wrongly granted, and in so doing it would confine itself to the facts available at the time of the order. But, in his Lordship's judgment, all the circumstances of the case had to be considered when the court decided whether to exercise its discretion as to the enforcement of the undertaking.

If there were matters on which the court could not yet make a final determination, but which would be material to the question whether it was just to enforce the undertaking, then the court should not take the decision at that stage but should adopt either the third or perhaps the fourth option to which his Lordship had referred.

It would not be able to make a final determination if material matters were in dispute and had to await the trial for their resolution.

His Lordship's conclusion was that the judge erred in principle in holding that on the discharge of the *ex parte* injunctions, he should order enforcement of the undertaking as to damages. He was bound to consider all the circumstances in exercising his discretion and he could not properly, in advance of the trial, treat the allegations of fraud as bound to fail.

In those circumstances, the court was free to exercise the discretion afresh. The appropriate course was to adopt the usual practice of adjourning to the trial judge the application to enforce the undertaking, to be determined by him at *the conclusion of trial when all the* facts were known.

Lord Justice Mann agreed with both judgments.

Solicitors: Stephenson Harwood; Theodore Goddard.

Legal aid can be available to stand-by solicitors in telephone re-routing service

Regina v Legal Aid Board, Ex parte Gilchrist

Before Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny

[Judgment April 7]

A telephone re-routing service, which diverted calls of detained clients at police stations during unsocial hours to duty solicitors who gave advice, was not repugnant to the Legal Aid Act 1988 and its attendant regulations.

Mr Justice Macpherson of Cluny so declared in the Queen's Bench Division when granting judicial review of the Legal Aid Board's decisions on May 5 and 8, 1992 that it was prohibited from paying advising solicitors in the service run by Healthcall Services Ltd for work done by them under the service.

Healthcall's main business was the paging of doctors and the solicitors' scheme was subsidiary to that. Mr Stephen Gilchrist, a solicitor, who sought judicial review of the board's decision, was a moving spirit in the Healthcall scheme.

Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Andrew Mitchell for Mr Gilchrist: Mr Duncan Matheson, QC, for the Legal Aid Board.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that Healthcall wished to make money by way of payments of facility fees paid by solicitors who contracted individually to provide their services as advising solicitors who in turn were to be paid commitment fees for shifts performed.

Subscribing solicitors paid no money to Healthcall but allowed diversion of telephone calls made to them or their offices to the Healthcall centre where one or more Healthcall advising solicitors would be on duty.

The Legal Aid Board opposed the scheme as artificial, a concealed commercial legal advice service in which the advising solicitors were in effect employees of Healthcall and could not be fitted within the limits of legislation dealing with the provision of publicly funded legal services.

Healthcall and its supporters wished to be funded under the Legal Aid Act 1988 and its attendant regulations. The board indicated its decision that it was prohibited from paying Healthcall advising solicitors.

The applicant sought a ruling that claims could and should be honoured by payment of the limited fees envisaged by the Legal Advice and Assistance at Police Stations (Remuneration) Regulations (SI 1989 No 342) as amended.

The board feared that Healthcall would undermine its own duty solicitor scheme and that the Healthcall scheme would result in duplication of work.

His Lordship understood both those fears but the latter did not seem to be real. It did not seem to be established that the scheme would cost more overall. It was of course a matter for the suspect whether or not he or she chose the duty solicitor or another known to him or her or one taken at random from the list held at the police station.

Fees were low, no more than £90 and such advice or assistance was available regardless of the means of the clients: see regulation 6(4) of the Legal Advice and Assistance Regulations (SI 1989 No 340).

As to the undermining of the duty solicitor scheme, his Lordship said that that could, if appropriate, be dealt with by legislation prohibiting such schemes as Healthcall. He was not in any event satisfied that any damage to the duty solicitor scheme was directly relevant to the present case.

Those involved were entitled so to arrange their affairs so that it was both in law and effect a scheme to provide services, in three directions, which did not create a master servant relationship between Healthcall and the participating solicitors.

The characteristics of a contract of employment did not appear in the scheme. It was the individual solicitor who was the "own solicitor". In so far as there was any contractual arrangement with the client it was between the client and individual solicitor who, using the Healthcall facility, gave advice or assistance in his own personal capacity, without any control from Healthcall, and himself submitted his own application for payment to himself.

His Lordship could not see why the court should strain to find that the scheme was a sham or artificial arrangement, unless there were seen to be some mischief which should if possible be prevented.

It had been suggested that the scheme might breach the Solicitor's Practice Rules, particularly the Referral Code of 1990, and might result in the sharing of fees with an unqualified person.

The board was not now connected at all with the Law Society. Any unprofessional conduct could be dealt with by the Law Society itself. It was not a matter for the board, unless some glaring and obvious breach of professional conduct was apparent. If unease about the scheme persisted the Law Society could act if it thought fit, against its own members.

Solicitors: Hart Fortgang; Mr Richard N. Green.

Orders on debt not inconsistent

Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society v Grattidge

There was no inconsistency between the grant to a building society of an order for possession of mortgaged property, suspended subject to conditions as to payment being met by the borrower, and a concurrent money judgment for the whole of the mortgage debt, suspended for as long as the possession order remained suspended.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lord Justice Hoffmann) so held on April 6 when allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society, against the order of Judge Heald, at Ilkeston County Court, who on October 29, 1992, had dismissed the society's appeal from District Judge Hibbert's refusal on August 21, 1992 to make an order against the borrowers, Mr Frederick Grattidge and Mrs Ann Grattidge, on the plaintiffs' claim for the whole balance of the mortgage debt. The district judge had made a suspended possession order in the society's favour.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said that the reason why the building society wanted the money judgment as well as an order for possession was that with the current widespread incidence of negative equity the sum realised on sale of the mortgaged property might not be sufficient to pay off the whole debt.

The judge was right not to make an immediately enforceable order for payment of the mortgage debt but his Lordship saw no reason why he should not have made a suspended order under section 71(2) of the County Courts Act 1984. His Lordship would allow the appeal and in addition to the possession order would give judgment for £236,628.98 suspended for so long as the possession order was suspended.

To permit eating-up is not to keep restaurant open

Amin v DPP

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment April 5]

A restaurant was not being "kept open for public refreshment" after its licensed hours when the only customers present after hours were those who had been admitted within the permitted hours and who were finishing off their meals. The fact that the doors were unlocked did not mean that the restaurant was "kept open" provided no new customers were served.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by Anwar Haque Amin against his conviction by Southampton Justices of an offence of contravening a condition in his licence to keep a night refreshment house contrary to section 7(2) of the Late Night Refreshment Houses Act 1969. The appellant was said to have kept the premises, a tandoori restaurant, open at 3.45am when the licence required that the premises should not be open between 3am and 5am.

Section 7 of the 1969 Act provides: "(1) A licensing authority ... may ... impose a condition prohibiting the opening or keeping open of the refreshment house for public refreshment ... at any time ... (not earlier than 11 o'clock at night) ... and 5 o'clock in the morning."

Mr Roger Shawcross for the appellant; Mr Anthony Fogg for the prosecution.

MR JUSTICE ROUGIER said that there was a valid analogy between the term "keeping open" in the 1969 Act and in the old Victorian legislation under which it had been held that if the doors were open but no person would have been supplied the premises were not "kept open": see *Lloyd v Barnett* ((1909) 82 Law Times Reports 804).

Premises were not "kept open" if no customers were permitted to enter after hours for the purposes of purchasing refreshment. Those who were already there could complete their meals.

The phrase "keeping open of the refreshment house for the purposes of public refreshment" should be read as a whole. Premises were not open if there were sufficient indications to the public that further customers were not welcome.

It was not necessary to lock the doors, although it might well be wise to do so given the probable condition of potential customers at that time of night.

Obviously if a "closed" sign was just a token and the premises were in reality open they were being "kept open", but if the situation was that a customer who ignored the "closed" sign and walked in would be refused service then they were not.

Lord Justice Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Ewing Hickman & Clark, Southampton; CPS, Eastleigh.

Perverting course of justice before police investigation begins

Regina v Rafique
Regina v Sajid
Regina v Rajah

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Pill and Mr Justice Sedley

[Judgment April 7]

Three men, who knew that another man had been fatally shot accidentally, and disposed of the shotgun and cartridges used before any police investigation had begun, were rightly convicted of doing acts tending and intended to pervert the course of public justice.

The Court of Appeal so held on dismissing appeals by Mohammed Zubair Ahmed Rafique, aged 22, Mohammed *Sajid, aged 20 and Nasir Aslam Rajah*, aged 21, from conviction at the Central Criminal Court, before Judge Smedley, QC and a jury, in February 1991 on a count charging that "on April 5, 1990, they with intent to pervert the course of public justice did a series of acts which had a tendency to pervert the course of public justice, in that knowing that an investigation into the death of Mahboob Ahmed was in progress or imminent assisted in the concealment of a shotgun and cartridges from police officers responsible for investigating the death." Each of them was *conditionally discharged for three years.*

Mr John Perry, QC, who appeared at trial for Rafique only, and Mr Edmond Alexander, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellants: Mr Warwick McKinnon for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that at the close of the prosecution case the judge upheld submissions that there was no case to answer on other charges but rejected similar submissions on the count relevant to the appeal.

The three appellants and two other young men, one of whom was Ahmed, drove to a public park in Streatham. Ahmed had recently acquired a double barrelled shotgun and a box of cartridges and wished to test the gun. The other man and Rajah remained in the car, while Ahmed, Rafique and Sajid climbed over the railings to enter the park.

Ahmed passed the gun through the railings to Rafique, who walked ahead and was followed by the two others. He turned to see if they were following him and the gun discharged. Ahmed was struck in the chest and sustained injuries from which he died within minutes.

Rafique and Sajid ran back to the car in panic taking the gun with them. All four left the scene in panic, with Rafique driving.

The other man was taken home and the three appellants drove towards Thornton Heath. They stopped, Rafique broke the gun and Sajid removed the spent cartridge and a live cartridge and they were thrown from the car. They drove on and Rajah threw the gun into bushes.

They abandoned the car and went by train to Birmingham, where they lay low for 12 days. They then returned to London and gave themselves up, having consulted a solicitor. Unknown to them the gun had been recovered on the day it had been thrown into the bushes. When interviewed, the appellants gave an accurate account of what had happened to the gun.

All three gave evidence and said that they had acted in panic, not thinking about a police investigation.

The jury rejected the appellants' evidence about their state of mind when the gun was thrown away and, by the verdict on the directions given, found that the appellants had intended to impede imminent police investigations.

Mr Perry submitted that throwing away the shotgun and cartridges, in close proximity to the commission of an alleged offence, namely, manslaughter, before any investigation had begun did not render them liable to conviction for an offence of perverting the course of public justice.

He submitted also that the judge misdirected the jury in equating police investigations with the course of justice and that the offence was limited to protecting the curial process, whereas the judge proceeded on the basis that to *impede police investigations, imminent or* actual, was an offence.

In referring to the uncertain boundaries of the offence of doing acts tending and intended to pervert the course of public justice, Mr Perry relied on *R v Selvage* ([1982] QB 372), *R v Vreones* ([1891] 1 QB 360), *R v Withers* ([1975] AC 842) and *R v Bailey* ([1956] NI 15).

In *Vreones* Baron Pollock had stated (at p369): "The real offence here is the doing of some act which has a tendency and is intended to pervert the administration of public justice."

That statement had frequently been cited with approval. His Lordship referred to *R v Tibbits* ([1902] 1 KB 77), *R v Kellett* ([1976] QB 372) and also to *R v Machin* ([1976] 1 WLR 763, 766), where Lord Justice Eveleigh, giving the judgment of the court, had said: "The law is concerned to forbid unlawful conduct which may result in a miscarriage of justice ... The gist of the offence is conduct which may lead and is intended to lead to a miscarriage of justice whether or not a miscarriage actually occurs."

Lord Taylor said that, in the instant case, the acts complained of were committed after the act alleged to constitute the offence of manslaughter. There was an interval of time between that act and the acts alleged to have a tendency to pervert the course of justice. Indeed, one of the men present at the scene of the firing had been driven home before the shotgun and cartridges were disposed of.

Their Lordships did not have to consider a situation in which those acts were part of or contemporaneous with the alleged offence which was or might have been the subject of investigation and court proceedings. Nor did they have to consider the *question whether a distinction was to be* drawn between acts involving the destruction or concealment of material objects, as in the present case, and the impeding or misleading of investigations by verbal representations.

Applying the principle stated by Baron Pollock in *Vreones*, their Lordships concluded that an act was not beyond the ambit of those tending to pervert the course of justice by reason of its being performed after the crime but before investigations into the alleged crime had begun.

Whether an act had a tendency to pervert the course of justice could not depend on whether investigation of the matter which might become the subject of court proceedings had begun. If an intention to pervert the course of justice in relation to that matter was proved, the act had the same quality whether performed before that alleged offence was investigated or even discovered as it would have been at a later stage.

The present situation was different from that in *Selvage*. One of the present appellants, to the knowledge of the others, had discharged a firearm and thereby killed another man.

It was open to the jury to conclude that, to put it no higher, the possibility of judicial proceedings must have been in the contemplation of the appellants.

An act had occurred which was likely to lead to a specific charge in judicial proceedings, as indeed it did. At the very least there was bound to be an inquest. In those circumstances, the disposal of the shotgun and cartridges had a tendency to pervert the course of justice.

On the present issues their Lordships did not find analogies based on the law of contempt of court to be helpful.

As to Mr Perry's criticism of the judge's direction, it should express the intention as being the intention expressed in the charge, namely, the intention to pervert the course of public justice.

However, on the facts, it had to follow from a finding that there was an intention to impede police investigations that there was an intention to pervert the course of public justice.

It was in the sense that what impeded police investigations would usually also have a tendency to pervert the course of public justice that their Lordships read the statement of Lord MacDermott, Chief Justice, in *Bailey* that the administration of public justice "comprehends functions that nowadays belong, in practice, almost exclusively to the police such as the investigation of offences and the arrest of suspected persons ..."

The appeals had to be dismissed.

Solicitors: CPS, HQ.

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GALLERIES: **Richard Cork** on a London show of the work of American painter Georgia O'Keeffe

Grand vista, partially obscured

Although legendary within her native America, **Georgia O'Keeffe** has remained surprisingly invisible to a European audience. The Tate Gallery, like most of its continental counterparts, owns none of the work she produced during a long and prolific career. O'Keeffe's paintings readily lend themselves to reproduction, and sales of books on her life and art have flourished in recent years.

But her elevated status as a feminist icon, coupled with the impressive photographs of her lean, tough face taken by O'Keeffe's devoted husband Alfred Stieglitz, have run ahead of her reputation as a painter. Only now is Britain being given the chance to see a retrospective survey, and the result fails to remove the question-marks which surround O'Keeffe's name on this side of the Atlantic.

Organised by InterCultura in Fort Worth and the Georgia O'Keeffe Foundation, the Hayward Gallery's show looks oddly undernourished. Just over 80 paintings, watercolours and drawings seem a modest total to select from such a voluminous oeuvre. Are her pictures difficult to borrow, or did the selectors themselves feel that a larger exhibition would be inappropriate? Whatever the case, the overall impression seems insubstantial. Some aspects of her work, most notably the New York series from the 1920s, are scarcely represented at all. And the latter decades of a woman who lived well into her nineties are shown with a sparseness that appears to betray a lack of curatorial confidence in her achievement.

None of this would matter if the images on view here all proved powerful enough to dispel any doubts. But the meagre selection of post-1945 images coincides with a marked weakening in intensity. They do not sustain the expectations generated by the finest early paintings in the show, when the young O'Keeffe conveyed remarkable inventiveness.

For an artist prized for her authentic American character, who showed little interest in visiting Europe, she seems surprisingly indebted to the German avant-garde. Some of her 1916 watercolours have a fieriness worthy of Nolde, and O'Keeffe's willingness to push herself towards abstraction surely indicates an awareness of Kandinsky. Several of the other American painters in Stieglitz's circle were equally willing to move beyond the boundaries of representation. But O'Keeffe's impulsiveness is still striking, and a highly simplified image of the *Evening Star* achieves a near-apocalyptic richness of colour.



Muscular assurance gives way to a timid alternative: *View From My Studio*, 1930, by Georgia O'Keeffe. Courtesy of the Gerald Peters Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico

She shared the prevailing belief among abstractionists of the period, that art should aspire to the condition of music. An arresting image called *Blue and Green Music* contains a whirling central area of activity within strong, diagonally thrusting shafts of darker form. And *Series I No 12* lives up to its stern title by banishing almost all references to recognisable reality from the bleached, nebulous composition.

Almost, but not quite. Despite her willingness to experiment, O'Keeffe could never bring herself to sever the umbilical cord connecting her with observable nature. Having spent her childhood on a prosperous dairy farm in the remoteness of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, she remained profoundly attached to the American landscape at its most primordial.

Even in her Manhattan city-scapes, she flouts machine-age geometry by painting the tall Radiator Building at night, when only half its windows are lit in irregular, quirky patterns. The star-spattered sky above the buildings is constantly emphasised, by an artist who gained fame in Stieglitz's New York galleries but yearned to escape to the countryside.

Nature nourished her, and even in paintings with such titles as *Abstraction — Alexis* the true source of O'Keeffe's inspiration is easy to detect. However simplified the image may have become here, after she stripped it of all superfluous details, her dependence on clouds exploding over an undulating horizon remains fundamental. She was instinctively drawn towards desert locations, most notably in New Mexico where she settled after Stieglitz's death. Their austerity chimed with her need to purge art of everything except essence.

The 1920s, surely her most impressive decade, produced canvases where the awesome immensity of land and sky is fully conveyed. In the following decade, though, this muscular assurance gives way to a more timid alternative. The deterioration set in as early as 1930, when O'Keeffe looked out of her studio window and painted the view towards Abiquiu. The red rocks at the foot of the mountains are as raw as an open wound. But they are capped by blue peaks bearing a perilous resemblance to a picture postcard.

There is a Technicolor quality about some of these inter-war landscapes which borders on the garish; and gradually O'Keeffe grew more subservient in her attitude to the landscape she scrutinised with such eagerness. As her infatuation with the terrain of New Mexico increased, a sense of respectfulness prevented her from taking so many risks. By 1936 she was ready to fall back on a disappointingly dutiful approach, painting *Gray Hill Forms* with little of the boldness she had once been prepared to unleash.

Perhaps by this time, all her most ardent emotions had been channelled into a long-running sequence of flower paintings. They began quietly enough, but O'Keeffe soon decided to close in on a purple petunia or an oriental poppy, exposing their secret centres like a lover determined to let nothing remain hidden. The trouble with most of these floral ecstasies lies in their fulsomeness. Casting aside the refinement which had given her finest earlier work its rigour, O'Keeffe wallows in sickly, lurid colours bordering on kitsch. Overheated and under-disciplined, these cloying works become repellent when seen in quantity.

As if recognising the fault, she spent her later years concentrating on pared-down picture-making. *Winter Road I* consists only of a curving dark line meandering across an otherwise white, snow-laden surface. It looks facile, and *Sky Above White Clouds* is even more minimal. The outcome is disappointingly tepid, drained of the energy which still gives her youthful work a zestful spirit of adventure.

● Georgia O'Keeffe *at the Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 3144) until June 27, sponsored by American Airlines*

CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **MOVING INTO VIEW:** The *Arts Council's* permanent collection of modern British art has been *sorely lacking a showcase. It still* does, but to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Festival Hall's open foyer policy the South Bank Centre has done a complete rehang of artworks all over the building and has complemented this with a formal exhibition in the main exhibition space of about 20 recent British paintings and new acquisitions from the collection. At the same time a sister exhibition of recent British sculpture from the collection begins a tour at Derby Museum and Art Galleries.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 3002) daily 10am-10pm, until May 23.

● **GEORGIA O'KEEFFE:** In a useful supplement to the major show at the Hayward Gallery, this show presents some 20 works, mostly characteristic paintings of flowers in close-up, with curiously erotic overtones. There are also some rather abstracted New Mexico landscapes, also with curiously erotic overtones, and one splendid complete abstraction, *Red and Black Night*, from 1929.
Lefevre Gallery, 30 Bruton Street, W1 (071-493 2107) Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, until May 7.

● **TREASURES OF THE ROYAL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY:** The RHS's collection is one of the great unseen resources of art in Britain, amounting to some 18,000 paintings and drawings in all. For this, the first ever major loan exhibition drawn from the collection, some 100 detailed studies of plants, fruit and vegetables have been chosen. They come from East and West; the earliest works on show are by Pieter van Kouwenhoorn, from the 1630s.
Kew Gardens Gallery, Royal Botanical Gardens, Richmond, Surrey (081-940 1171). Daily, 9.30am-5pm, April 7-May 31. Admission (entry to Kew Gardens) £3.50, concessions £1.80

● **MORRIS KESTELMAN:** The career of *Morris Kestelman, now* 88, moved decisively around the *1950s from representation to abstraction.* There is no sudden transformation: the familiar shapes of land and sky, the human figures, are just progressively denuded of realistic connotation until they become freeform abstraction. But having once taken this step, he never seems to have been tempted to turn back, as even such stalwarts as Victor Pasmore have. Here are mainly the later abstracts, with a few figurative works to suggest where they come from. His conviction and firmness of purpose are amply rewarded.
Boundary Gallery, 98 Boundary Road, NW8 (071-624 1126). Wed-Sat 11am-6pm, until May 1.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Cutting remarks from the French

ART MARKET DIARY

LONDON'S position as European art market capital could be undermined by a French government decision to undercut the buyer's premium at auction. Until now, Paris charges were on a prohibitive three-tier sliding scale starting at 12½ per cent. Now, four months after Sotheby's and Christie's raised their premium from 10 per cent to 15 for many lots, the French have dropped theirs to a 9 per cent flat rate.

The move has been welcomed by the president of the Paris auctioneers' association, Maître Millon, as a "whiff of oxygen" to a market unable to compete with London since the war. In London, there was gloom in a centre already feeling sidetracked by the major international auctioneers in favour of New York, Monaco and Geneva.

● FOLLOWING his victory at Stalingrad in 1943, Marshal Georgi Zhukov enjoyed the use of an extremely flashy presidential-style car. Such glory never lasts, however, and in the late 1950s the Soviet army leader duly fell from power, and his chauffeur was left holding the steering wheel.

Showing commendable capitalist initiative, the latter drove the limousine to Latvia, and from there in 1991 on to Germany where he exchanged it for a more practical truck.

Marshal Zhukov's 1954 Pullman has now been sold at an auction in Munich arranged by the London-based car specialist Robert Brooks. Big, ugly and unmistakably Russian, it was nevertheless based, apparently, on Eisenhower's presidential wagon.

The price? A mere £693. Compare that with the £84,000 paid two days later at Christie's for Nigel Mansell's Ferrari Testarossa.

Rail integrity

DEALERS are often condemned for splitting up collections or series of objects in order to make a quick buck. A notable exception is Alan Rubin, of the Pelham Gallery, who is determined to keep intact the ornate railings which once graced Lord Chesterfield's London home, despite offers by rich couples who want to buy single sections in order to convert them into bed-heads.

Bought by Rubin at the Harewood House clearance sale in 1989 for a relative song, the wrought-iron and gilt railings and gates spent three years in restoration prior to appearing in the window of Rubin's new shop in Mount Street, London. As the price is around £1 million, perhaps only loaded eastern princes or ambitious hoteliers who are looking to equip a great many honeymoon suites need apply.



Kitri (Viviana Durante) and Basilio (Irek Mukhamedov) in the Royal Ballet's new production of *Don Quixote*

Wrong on three counts

DANCE: A new *Don Quixote* at Covent Garden is 'disastrous', says **John Percival**

What odds am I offered that before long the extraordinary hats worn by the Dryads for Don Quixote's dream in the Royal Ballet's new production will disappear? The poor women have been turned into Windmill Girls, with sails on their heads.

But no amount of tinkering is going to redeem Anthony Dowell's disastrous production, premiered on Wednesday. Some of us had long been urging that the Royal Ballet should put on *Don Quixote*, which many other companies had shown as a highly enjoyable ballet — one with which you cannot fail entirely. Dowell, however, has muffed it on three counts.

First, he bought the wrong version. Even if he had some objection to Nureyev's production (but why? — most people think it easily the best of them all), to choose Mikhail Baryshnikov's perfunctory staging, made for American Ballet Theatre in 1978, seems perverse. A crazed obsession with piling up as many classical solos and ensembles as possible, omitting much of the plot, motivation and interplay of characters, besides scrapping almost all the Spanish or gypsy dances, results in a helter-skelter race through the action, with no variety of pace to give it interest.

A bizarre thing is that in the process, Baryshnikov and Dowell have somehow messed up the Vision Scene, making it a jerky, scrappy sequence whereas it can rival the Shades scene in *La Bayadère* as an example of Petipa's choreography at its best. Also, Christopher Palmer's arrangement and orchestration of the Minkus score are abrupt and thin.

Second, although the new designs by Mark Thompson are an improvement on the vacuous ones ABT used, they do not serve the ballet well. Dressing almost everybody in black most of the time, with minimal touches of colour for the soloists, not only gives a funereal look but fails to make the leading characters stand out as they should. And the bold washes of colour in the background, rather than making the dancers prominent in contrast, swamp them.

Above all Dowell, responsible for restaging Baryshnikov's concept and choreography, simply has not given the dancers enough command of their roles to compensate for the weakness of the production. Only Irek Mukhamedov in the first night cast has danced the ballet before in other, better versions, and his expressions made clear that he realised the problem. Unfortunately, the way he compensated by mugging his role as Basilio, the poor boy who gets the girl by native wit, detracted from his dancing.

We have seen him a lot better in this role in the past; all the same, nobody else matched, except momentarily, his speed and crispness. Viviana Durante as Kitri was uneven: at her best in the last of her Act I solos, and acceptable but not brilliant in the last showpiece pas de deux. The end of this is killed, anyway, by letting everybody join in the coda.

Bruce Sansom as the flashy matador Espada, Stephen Jefferies as Kitri's comic suitor Gamache and Iain Webb as Sancho Panza came nearest to conquering the lack of bite, colour and style in the way their roles have been staged.

For the ensemble, jerkiness in the lyrical passages and stiffness in the lively ones sabotaged the effect. There were fireworks at the end — exploded against the backcloth in the finale — but this is no substitute for fireworks in the performance.

TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss** on yet another nun's story

Habitual offenders at it again

If you are writing a six-part contemporary drama about a stunningly beautiful nun who, after 16 years in a convent, is forced to engage with the outside world of the 1990s, the question is this. Is it strictly necessary to make her the saviour of a Bradford woollen mill as well? Well, having seen last night's first episode of **Body & Soul** (ITV), I would say yes, it is: in fact, I fancy that the mill may be crucial. Think about it. Think how the very word "mill" transports you to a safe, solid place where ITV drama simply cannot go wrong. Think how the word "nun", on its own, does not. The future looks bright for schlock-lovers. Instead of this nun merely turning into a woman (sad, inevitable), she can become a woman of substance, too (great, worth watching).

The story so far is this. Stunning nun Anna (Kristen Scott Thomas) has been noticing a bit of a hole in her life. She is 34 years old. Her convent training has taught her how to tie umpteen bits of white cloth around her head, wimple-fashion, without using a mirror (a real art, this) yet somehow she is unsatisfied. Perhaps her wimple-assembly proficiency certificate has started to dog-ear and fade; we don't know. Anyway, the other nuns have noticed that she sometimes stares into space; also that she has transgressed the rules by taking a special friend ("When two walk together, the devil makes a third," warns a wise old nun, kindly); and that she grumbles that the convent's wool-dyeing business is not run along proper profit-making lines.

Nobody sings "How do you solve a problem like Maria?" but you get the picture. Then her brother deliberately crashes his wife's Mini on a Yorkshire moor, and Dorothy Tutin (beefy head nun) tells her she must go and comfort the family. So Anna gets on a train, arrives in Bradford, and the drama starts. Sister-in-law Lynn (Amanda Redman) is desperate, tearful and pregnant, and so bitter about the husband's suicide that she looks permanently as though she has just been punched in the face. Her show of emotion is hard for Anna. Just as she has no idea about *Cosmopolitan*, and has never heard of CDs, she can't remember meeting anyone like Lynn before — bereft, pregnant, and left in huge personal debt by a cowardly husband who has topped himself.

Clearly Anna must bring aid to Lynn and the children by confronting the problem of the family mill — which is where Episode One conveniently ended, leaving this viewer desperate for more. I mean, look out Anna! The mill is falling into the hands of an unscrupulous man named Stan Beattie! He tricked your brother into killing himself! And now he is poised to snatch the business! As the credits rolled, Beattie (Anthony Valentine) made his first appearance on screen, in close-up, and he looked jolly shifty, I can tell you.

Amanda Redman is very good as the ill-treated widow; Kristen Scott Thomas changes her accent for every scene, which is curious, but if nobody in the production team noticed, I suppose it's a bit late to mention it now. In any case, the fact that she is stunningly beautiful in a wimple amply makes up for it.

WEEKEND EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

LONDON

DON QUIXOTE: The latest addition to the Royal Ballet's full-length repertoire is a 19th-century Russian star vehicle, which provided the first major success for choreographer Marius Petipa when it premiered in Moscow in 1869. The new Covent Garden production is by Mikhail Baryshnikov, staged by Anthony Dowell (see review, page 27)
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tomorrow, 1pm, Tues, Wed, 7.30pm

PHILHARMONIA: Giuseppe Sinopoli conducts Strauss's *Till Eulenspiegel*, Mozart's Flute Concerto (with James Galway as the soloist) and Brahms's Fourth Symphony (which replaces Schoenberg's *Pelleas and Melisande*)
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

INTIMATE LETTERS: In the second of three programmes which view the lives of composers through their letters, Brian Cox joins the Medici Quartet to *present a portrait of Beethoven in* words and music. John Caird directs
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800), Sun, 3pm

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S ORCHESTRA: Odaline de la Martinez *conducts the orchestra and the Pro* Musica Chorus in a concert of music by one of the great neglected figures in British music, Dame Ethel Smyth. The main work on the programme is the Mass in D, first performed at the Albert Hall a century ago to the day.
QEH (as left), Sun, 7.45pm.

ST JOHN PASSION: Philip Simms conducts the Thomas Tallis Society Choir and Orchestra and contralto Yvonne Howard in Bach's oratorio (sung in German)
Blackheath Concert Halls, 23 Lee Road, SE3 (081-463 0100), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

REGIONAL

GLASGOW: Lemonheads, the much-praised trio from Boston, peddle a curious form of melodic grunge-rock. Their sparkling breakthrough album *It's a Shame About Ray* has spawned a Top 20 hit, "Mrs Robinson", and gangling guitarist Evan Dando is fast becoming a pin-up.
Barrowlands, Gallowgate (031-557 6969), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

IPSWICH: The Everly Brothers have broken and made up almost as often as "Wake Up, Little Susie" is played on nostalgia radio. They are probably still best remembered for their seminal pop hits of the late Fifties and Sixties.
Regent, 3 St Helen's Street (0473 281480), tomorrow, 5.45pm.

LIVERPOOL: Ian Tracey conducts the *Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir in* John Stainer's *The Crucifixion*.
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (051-709 3789), Sun, 5pm.

NOTTINGHAM: In Sandy Toksvig's intriguingly titled *Big Night Out at Little Sands Picture Palace* she, Una Stubbs and Anita Dobson play usherettes in a doomed theatre where *fantasies come true.*
Playhouse, Wellington Square (0602 419419). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat (April 17), 2.30pm, until May 1 (no performance Mon).

OXFORD: Sue Casson's *The Happy Prince* is a new musical based on the Oscar Wilde children's tale of a statue and a swallow.
Old Fire Station, George Street (0865 794494). Opens Tues, *7.30pm;* then Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Easter Mon, 4pm (No perf today). Until Apr 24.

SNAPE: Anish Kapoor, the British sculptor and 1991 Turner prizewinner, has created the designs for **Laurie Booth's** *latest dance creation River Run*, which is shown as part of the Snape Easter festival. The piece features an *"octophonic sound environment"* created by Booth's long-time collaborator Hans Peter Kuhn.
Snape Concert Hall, Maltings (0728 453543), tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
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☐ **CHATSKY**: Colin Firth dishes out the spleen as the hero of Griboyedov's bitter comedy. Clever staging of Anthony Burgess's translation though the play hardly lives up to its Russian *reputation as a major classic.*
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm (no *perfs today-Mon). 140mins*

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS**: Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

■ **CRAZY FOR YOU**: Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*. Exceptional entertainment value.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **CYRANO DE BERGERAC**: Robert Lindsay looks right as the nasally challenged hero but the production is too bustling to give enough room to the full poignancy of his fate
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins

☐ ***THE DEEP BLUE SEA***: Penelope Wilton the victim of unsatisfactory men in Rattigan's well-staged but so old-*fashioned drama.*
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins

☐ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON**: Blazing performance by Judi Dench in *combat with Michael Pennington in* Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST**: Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this *elegant revival. With Alex Jennings,* Richard E. Grant, Margaret Tyzack.
Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 *6404). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat,* 2.30pm.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN**: Not so cosy a venue as its birthplace in Stratford East but the show is as jolly as ever. Paul Kiev's magic tricks are amazing.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). *Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat,* 3pm. 150mins.

◪ **KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN**: Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical, based on Manuel Puig's novel. A new cast takes over led by Bebe Neuwirth.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, *mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 180mins.*

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE**: Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of middle-aged Americans troubled by material success
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 75mins.

☐ **LOST IN YONKERS**: Terrific performance by Rosemary Harris in a Neil Simon comedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 180mins.

☐ **MISERY**: *Nonsensical but chilling* production of Stephen King's thriller.
Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **MURDER IS EASY**: But an *antiquated Agatha Christie adaptation* is hardly worth doing.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 *(071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats* Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **NO MAN'S LAND**: Paul Eddington and the author in tense, sharply comic Pinter. Riveting stuff.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045). *Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm,* Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ **ON THE PISTE**: John Godber's slight but amusing look at partner trouble in a downmarket ski resort.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats *Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.*

☐ **PLAYLAND**: Athol Fugard's eloquent two-hander: white man and black man haul up their past and hint at the future.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). *Mon-Sat, 8pm,* mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm (no perfs today, Mon). 90mins.

☐ **ROBIN — PRINCE OF SHERWOOD**: Over-loud, ridiculous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Tues-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm. 140mins.

☐ **TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT**: Giles Havergal's cunning adaptation of Graham Greene's novel.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 *1119). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.15pm, mats* Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 140mins.

☐ **TRELAWNY OF THE 'WELLS'**: Helen McCrory a fine heroine in goodish staging by John Caird.
National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tomorrow, Mon-Tues, 7.15pm, mats tomorrow, Tues, 2pm. 190mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ **Hay Fever**: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ☐ **An Ideal Husband**: Globe (071-494 5065) ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ■ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ ***The Phantom of the Opera***: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ■ **Starlight Express**: Apollo *Victoria (071-828 8665)* ... ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

BEST OF THE BEST 2 (18): Karate teacher Eric Roberts avenges pal's death. Brutal, degenerate action adventure. With Phillip Ree, Ralph Moeller, Wayne Newton. Director, Robert Radler.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527)

◆ **LEAP OF FAITH** (PG): Steve Martin's evangelical conman finds his match in drought-stricken Texas. Hard-going drama: with Debra Winger, Liam Neeson. Director, Richard Pearce.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **ONE FALSE MOVE** (18): Excellent rural film noir from director Carl Franklin. Bill Paxton as the Arkansas sheriff faced with two fleeing drug dealers and a tantalising moll. With Cynda Williams, Billy Bob Thornton.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

THE OX (12): *A stark family tragedy* from 1860s Sweden, beautifully recounted by director Sven Nykvist. *Stellan Skarsgard and Ewa Froling* as the luckless couple who kill their neighbour's ox
Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) **Renoir** (071-837 8402).

PARIS IS BURNING: Jennie *Livingston's half-sad, half-exhilarating* documentary about Harlem's drag balls of the late Eighties.
ICA (071-930 3647).

CURRENT

CRUSH (15): Impressive, jolting New Zealand fable about sexual power games; a first feature from Alison *Maclean. With Marcia Gay Harden.*
Metro (071-437 0757)

◆ **FOREVER YOUNG** (PG): Test pilot frozen for 50 years awakes and searches for true love. Endearing old-fashioned fantasy: with Mel Gibson, Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, Steve Miner.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ ***THE JUNGLE BOOK*** (U): *Disney's* most endearing cartoon of the Sixties: witty, tuneful, with a wonderful line-up *of jungle characters* inspired by Kipling.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ ***MALCOLM X*** (15): *Spike Lee's* ambitious epic. Denzel Washington is solid as the black activist, but prickly *issues get sidestepped, and there is little* cinematic fire.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

OLIVIER OLIVIER (15): Teenager missing for six years returns home: but is it really him? Fascinating story, but prosaic treatment by director Agnieszka Holland.
MGM Swiss Centre *(071-439 4470).*

ORLANDO (PG): Virginia Woolf's exuberant novel about a free spirit (Tilda Swinton) who lives for 400 years, changing sex en route; filmed with great aplomb by British director Sally Potter
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Screen on the Hill** (071-435 3366).

THE QUINCE TREE SUN (U): Spanish *artist Antonio López strives to capture a* quince tree on canvas. Victor Erice's magical meditation on art and nature.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ **SCENT OF A WOMAN** (15): A blind army veteran visits New York with a prep *school pup. Far too long, with a* barnstorming star (Al Pacino) and just a few spots of magic. With Chris O'Donnell; director, Martin Brest.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

THE SILENT TOUCH (15): *Music* student Lothaire Bluteau helps rejuvenate crusty composer Max von Sydow. Fetching comic fable about music and love's regenerative powers from Krzysztof Zanussi.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ **SPLITTING HEIRS** (12): Eric Idle seeks to retrieve his dukedom from *American usurper Rick Moranis.* Lamentable British comedy; with Barbara Hershey, Catherine Zita Jones. Director, Robert Young.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Parkway** (071-267 7034) **Empire** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

USED PEOPLE (12): Will Jewish widower *Shirley MacLaine accept Marcello Mastroianni's advances?* Queasy comedy romance. Director, Beeban Kidron.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

WIND (PG): Carroll Ballard's visually *luxurious but water-logged drama about* the America's Cup race. With Matthew Modine, Jennifer Grey.
Plaza (071-437 1234/497 9999).

WITTGENSTEIN: Derek Jarman's jaunty portrait of philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein excites the eye and stimulates the intellect. With Karl Johnson, Tilda Swinton.
ICA (071-930 3647).

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** approves the harder edge on a transfer from Stratford

A tougher and rougher crowd

The Beggar's Opera
Barbican

DONALD COOPER



Partners in crime: Polly Peachum (Elizabeth Renihan, left) Macheath (David Burt) and Lucy Lockit (Jenna Russell) in *The Beggar's Opera*

WHATEVER else has or hasn't been achieved by its transfer from the Swan in Stratford to the big Barbican stage, Gay's "Newgate pastoral" is *more* obviously what its title claims, a "beggar's opera". Kendra Ullyart's set has expanded to become a playhouse that appears to have been half-wrecked by some 18th-century bulldozer.

Boxes hang crazily beside a cracked proscenium arch beneath which are perilous walkways, rickety stairs, and other improvised clutter. This is the place where Alan Cox's beaten-looking playwright and his fellow-beggars are squatting, there to present their theatrical protest against the inequities of justice.

The result is a show more faithful to Gay's tough-minded cynicism than last year. Up in Stratford John Caird — co-director of *Les Misérables* and creator of *Children of Eden* — seemed to see Gay's satire as an exuberant musical with catchy folk-tunes and snatches of comic dialogue linking the production numbers. And that is still at times the case. I continue to have doubts about some scenes and, for that matter, some performers.

Is it right to tranform Macheath's meeting with his women into a lavish joke, with the highwayman playing games with a drag Goliath, an 18th-century Miss Whiplash, and other colourful molls and dolls? Again, what is added except visual bravura by turning the brief song that begins "Let us take the road" into the kind of do-it-yourself coach chase Caird staged in another of his co-productions, *Nicholas Nickleby*?

Yet again, shouldn't David Burt's Macheath be wilder and more alarming? As at Stratford, he is more robbee than robber, more likely to be found lolling in the back seat of a carriage than gloating at the passengers from the other side of a pistol.

Yet the acting has mostly toughened up where it was weak and not toughened down where it was strong. Paul Jesson's Peachum is still the baleful super-fence, his face grey as the concrete in which, had he the know-how, he would doubtless be burying his victims; and Anthony O'Donnell, keys rattling from every pore, still brings a bunched, arachnoid venom to the role of the jailor Lockit. But Elizabeth Renihan, though not the ideal Polly Peachum, can no longer be dismissed with sneering references to *Starlight Express*, *Children of Eden* and her other programme credits. And there is a ratty, garish quality about the supporting beggars that reduces the Shaftesbury Avenue feel and reinforces the Tyburn one.

Certainly, the last scene is more sombre and harshly ironic than I recall from last year. A child is visible among the gallows-fodder waiting in the cells to meet Jack Ketch; and Alan Cox's dramatist seems much more upset by the "happy" ending foisted on him. He rages offstage, and has to be dragged into the clattering, anarchic dance that closes the show. But this time his indignation is less justified. As the song says, thieves are like lawyers, courtiers and politicians, only more honest: the poor behave like the rich, but are punished for it. His and Gay's point has been made.

FRINGE THEATRE: **Kate Bassett** enjoys a vigorous reworking of the themes of Shakespeare's sonnets

Between the lines and the sheets

L.O.V.E.
Riverside Studios



Fern Smith (front), Liam Steel, Paul Davies (top): flagrantly fit

COLERIDGE could be a periphrastic old prude: "I believe it is possible that a man may, under certain states of the moral feeling, entertain something deserving the name of love towards a male object — an affection beyond friendship and wholly aloof from appetite." He got a bit hot under the collar about the homosexuality of Shakespeare's sonnets.

Volcano Theatre Company blows such embarrassed hesitancy sky high. Rushing at each other in their underwear, the Bard, the "lovely boy" and the "dark lady" of the sonnets (the tireless Paul Davies, Liam Steel and Fern Smith) body-slam and grapple on the floor. A tangled threesome — each two-timing with the others according to this reading — they recite lines of verse whenever they can get a word in between tongue-wrestling and licking each other like there's no tomorrow. Aloof from appetite, my foot.

They are flagrantly fit and, under the direction of Nigel Charnock of DV8, physicality naturally rises to the fore: this is not so much a play as dance with words. What does *L.O.V.E.* stand for? Lashings Of Violent Exercise, perhaps. Shakespearean purists will almost certainly get their knickers in a twist.

The poetry is given a rough ride. The sonnets are cut into pieces and Shakespeare's words are overwhelmed by the breathtaking acrobatics. Volcano's unidolatrous radical approach certainly has kick, but the production's bravura can degenerate into crassness. Shirley Bassey and Shakespeare are just not on a par. Lip-synching to the line "Something in the things he shows me" accompanied by crotch-rubbing really is bathetically superficial stuff and consequently sticks out between sonnets like a sore thumb. Far more inspired is the correlation between the aggressive drum-beat of electronic rock and the angry rhythms of Sonnet 129 ("Th' expense of spirit in a waste of shame"), or the counterpoint of harpsichord music versus frenzied activity: an echo of the sonnet's tension between form and turbulent content.

In places, it is hard to see how Shakespeare's words are suited to the cast's action. Elsewhere, however, the latter brings out new readings and, throughout, they potently physicalise the sonnets' emotional undercurrents of violence and hurt.

Having Shakespeare's lines shared between the three characters democratically and dramatically grants his lovers a right to reply. Still, the imposed storyline becomes increasingly spurious. The "dark lady" pulls a kitchen knife and threatens the men with frighteningly fundamental incisions and amputations. Shakespeare then finishes off his "lovely boy" by bashing him over the head with a book.

Nevertheless, albeit circuitously, Charnock's choreography does embody key qualities of the poems. Liam Steel flicks from levity to intense sincerity. Paul Davies ricochets between passion and loathing; and Fern Smith, pulling her knife from a bunch of roses, actually symbolises the duplicitous nature of sonnets where lacerating irony lurks under doting sweetness.

The cast's utter liberation, exuberance and stamina makes up for self-indulgence. All the same, *L.O.V.E.* would benefit from sharp pruning.

Meet the homeless

One Step Beyond!
Theatre Royal,
Stratford East

ALAN GILBEY, a writer who has worked with various community theatre groups, the peripatetic Bubble Theatre and latterly Cardboard Citizens — a troupe of people who have all experienced homelessness and who perform to and with the homeless — hit upon the idea of writing a show about homelessness that would be more than a matter of case-histories and statistics.

He and his collaborators at Stratford have produced a consistently engaging musical which, if it is hardly likely to become a popular hit, has much to commend it. It is built around a character, Squirrel, a "manic-depressive alcoholic" in his own words, who haunts the streets of Camden Town and talks to the traffic about the time he was almost a member of the group Madness, whose music fills his brain.

The "greatest hits" of the group are, at their best, cartoon-like vignettes of ordinary lives. "Our House", "Embarrassment", "Baggy Trousers" and "Tomorrow's Just Another Day" mix merriment and melancholia in an essentially English way that only Ray Davies and Ian Drury can claim to have bettered. Gilbey exploits this richness by having an onstage band play and various cast members sing the above examples and other songs from the Madness canon, to tell their own stories of their routes to rootlessness, and to carry along the increasingly fanciful plot. Unashamedly not naturalistic, the show (director: Jeff Teare) has a knockabout charm that makes it a curiously uplifting experience.

Outside a striking reconstruction of the entrance to Camden Town Tube station (designer: Jenny Tiramani) we meet Squirrel. He has a line in patter that a market stall-holder would kill for. Then comes an attractive young woman: "call me Stoker, after Bram Stoker. *Dracula*, you know. I used to be a Goth." She is in a squat and saves her takings as a street vendor for *The Big Issue*.

Sitting to one side is Gawdnose, a bag-lady. Loitering somewhat unconvincingly at the other side is Gary, a burly rent-boy. Andy, a teenage runaway from outside London, enters and is accosted first by Gary, then Squirrel. Prince, a commuter, is forcefully asked for money and drawn into argument.

At the rear, inside the entrance to the station, are the band of up to six musicians, two of whom also take part in the action. The punch and wistfulness of the originals are well captured, and you sense the band, led by bass guitarist Alan Ellis, relaxing into their own interpretation. Saxophonist Alan Cooke, who also stands out as a policeman (briefly a member of the flying squad), puts in fine solos.

The actors' voices are uneven. Sophie Lawrence (Stoker), Lynn Whitehead (Gawdnose) and Alan Cowan (Prince) being much the strongest. Since Paul Kissaun (Squirrel) handles most of the lead vocals, his defiant bark tends to grate, though the original singer, "Suggs", is no Pavarotti. Similar strictures could be applied to the acting, but the ensemble is hardworking and ultimately winning. An enjoyable, (if rather disorganised, at the final preview) and instructive evening.

TONY PATRICK

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: Songs of faith and devotion . . . Bruce misses the point . . . a new Tina Turner?



To attend a Sounds of Blackness concert is to attend church, with hot dogs on sale in the foyer: combining their faith with very secular music, the 40-strong choir can make virtually anyone a believer

Where God has all the best tunes

Sounds of Blackness have soul – and that's the gospel truth. **David Toop** reports

One of the most common complaints about present-day music is that it fails to touch the listener at those deep levels of emotion or *spirit that we call soul. Perhaps this* helps to explain the surprising enthusiasm for composers such as Arvo Pärt and Henryk Gorecki, heart-wrenching West African vocalists such as Nahawa Doumbia and Baaba Maal, or even the resurgent interest in the blues.

But with its capacity to express complex emotions, often transforming despair into joy, black American music, above all else, has become synonymous with soul. During the 1960s and 1970s, the greatest soul singers could convey a sense of community and spirituality *through the simple lyric of a love* song. As is true elsewhere, however, that community and its institutions have shattered. Soul is now a commodity, its profundity frequently reduced to a clutch of mannerisms mimicked, with cynical ease, by inferior performers.

When an act emerges from this context with its sense of commitment and community unscathed by market forces, demographic targeting or social breakdown, the effect can be riveting. Sounds of Blackness, the 40-strong gospel choir from Minneapolis which visits Britain this month, existed for 20 years before recording their *Evolution of Gospel* album. Produced and released by Jimmy Jam and *Terry Lewis*, the record forges a *link* between the slickness of current production methods and the traditions of African-American music.

Despite the choir's uncompromising emphasis on Christian faith, even non-believers found themselves swept up in a tidal wave of *emotional release when Sounds* of Blackness performed in Britain during 1991. Tracks such as "Optimistic", "Testify" and "The Pressure, Pt 2" were exultant, uplifting pieces of music aimed at the dance floor, but no recording studio can capture the feeling that builds *during a gospel concert.*

Perhaps concert is the wrong word. Although choir director Gary Hinds has a reputation for fanatical professionalism in his guidance of the group, they are still strongly rooted in the churches, black colleges and community centres of America. To attend a Sounds of Blackness concert is to attend church, even if there are hot dogs on sale in the foyer.

*The format of the African-Ameri*can church is based upon exchanges between pastor and flock. The preacher builds a moral narrative which begins with the verbal coherence of the sermon and ends with the ecstasy of song and dance. This powerful mechanism was *clearly applicable to the commer*cial concerts of the secular world. Soul singers such as Aretha Franklin, Cissy Houston, Mavis Staples, Solomon Burke and Al Green have all moved between the sacred and secular worlds. In the past, this has invariably created tension within *the singer, and attracted criticism* from stricter church-goers.

Male singers, in particular, have been known to exploit sexual attraction during their gospel careers. The late Sam Cooke began singing with the Soul Stirrers at a period when female groupies followed gospel quartets around the touring circuit.

Cooke was famous for his good looks and sensual delivery, yet his first record aimed at the secular market was released under the cautious pseudonym of Dale Cook. What a singer could do in front of a religious congregation was one thing, but abandoning religion for *love songs was unforgivable. When* he attempted to return to gospel in the mid-1960s, he was firmly rejected.

With the rise of corporate evangelism in the 1980s, the connections between pop success and religion became less strained, although far *from simple. Jam and Lewis began* their careers with Prince, which could have disqualified them from the job of producing a gospel record in an earlier era. Yet Hinds and Sounds of Blackness refuse to regard any part of African-American music as the devil's property. "That goes back to slavery," he said *in an interview with The Face* magazine, "when we were imparted with a racist version of Christianity, which related everything to do with Africa — music, style, mind-set — with the devil."

The instrumental sound of new gospel albums has become indistinguishable from modern soul, although the power and conviction of a singer like Sounds of Blackness's Ann Bennett-Nesby *is not easily* matched. Throughout the 1980s, American acts such as the Clark Sisters, the Winans and Perri, or Britain's Inspirational Choir and London Community Gospel Choir, pioneered a fusion of lush contemporary production with the uninhibited vocal delivery and stirring harmonies of gospel.

Inevitably, there is a problem with commercial gospel. Only an *ambiguous message will attract* non-Christians. For the gospel groups, their mission to promote the Christian word and express their faith lies at the heart of their music-making. When these ingredients are outweighed by the drum sound on the record, the cleverness *of the harmonies or the vagueness* of "universal" lyrics, then the music loses its purpose.

Sounds of Blackness demonstrate how to retain the values of their religious training, yet communicate beyond the churches by incorporating rap, jazz and dance beats into a mosaic of traditional and modern. To hear them in concert is exhilarating, yet within *that experience lies a familiar* confrontation between the evangelist, the pluralist and the faithless, all in search of emotional and spiritual fulfilment. Yes, concert certainly is the wrong word.

● *Sounds of Blackness will play the Southport Soul Weekender on April 24 and London's Hammersmith Apollo on April 25.*

NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Now that Tina Turner has admitted, finally, that her years are catching up with her, the millions of fans who bought all those tickets and albums will be thinking about a replacement. The record business is not exactly thick with R & B divas with a feel for the mainstream, let alone singers blessed with the flame-thrower voice and age-defying legs of Turner. Could it be a young singer named Esta who steps into those precarious shoes?

Born in Paris, Esta comes from a distinguished line of *tribal chiefs, musicians and* scholars in Cameroon with roots that could be traced back to ancient Egypt. Spending more time in France than Africa and enrolled as a music student at the Paris Conservatoire, her personal voyage of discovery did not take place until she was 16, when she moved back to West Africa *and was exposed to music's* significance in the health of the community.

Returning to Paris, she launched into a serious study of African music, putting theory into practice by performing. The songs she recorded reflected her torn allegiance between the European and African ways of life.

"Homeland", the first single from her album, is one of those big ballads that can either dominate the charts for months or disappear. The subject is poignant enough, since it deals with Esta's need for her son to connect with his African heritage.

Esta's singing is sufficiently powerful to do justice to an *emotive lyric, yet lacking in* those raw edges that make a person either love or hate Tina Turner. Perhaps this is a bonus. If not, Esta may have to wait until Turner finally lays down her wigs and skimpy dresses for good.

DAVID TOOP

RECORDS: **David Sinclair** on Springsteen's electric faux pas, and ragga's not so natty dread

The Boss gets his wires crossed

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
In Concert / MTV Plugged
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LAST November, having got himself booked on to MTV's hugely popular *Unplugged* show, Bruce Springsteen arrived, plugged in as usual and blasted out a truncated but otherwise fairly typical set. With the "un" of "unplugged" symbolically crossed out on the cover artwork, this no-frills live album, released only in Europe to coincide with the current tour, is a serviceable, if uninspiring, record of the event.

Efficiently sung and played by his new band, the majority of the songs are culled from last year's *Lucky Town* and *Human Touch* albums. Of the older material, the freshly laundered performances of "Darkness On The Edge Of Town" and "Thunder Road" have a relatively intimate touch, but add little, *if anything, to the definitive E Street* Band stage versions already available on *Live 1975-85*.

Ironically, it is "Atlantic City" — a song taken from Springsteen's own genuinely "unplugged" 1982 album, *Nebraska* — which benefits most from the full electric band treatment, romping home with just the right mixture of raw emotion and heroic panache.

There are but two previously unreleased *numbers*: "Red Headed Woman", a throwaway skiffle-blues which is the only song performed acoustically, and "*Light Of Day*", a grungey, eight-minute workout with wailing sub-Hendrix guitar solos and a drum tattoo that sounds as if it migrated from a Gary Glitter record.

"Get up off that couch, put down your popcorn," Springsteen yells at the invisible television audience, adding optimistically "I know *there's millions* of you out there." Wisely, perhaps, on *this occasion*, he did not play "57 Channels And Nothing On".



Turn it up: Bruce Springsteen plugs in regardless for MTV's *Unplugged*

SHABBA RANKS
X-Tra Naked
(*Epic* 472333)

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12 Inches Of Snow
(Eastwest Records America 7567-92207)

GENERAL LEVY
The Wickeder General
(Fashion FAD 024)

HAVING hijacked the singles chart for the past month or so, the new wave of "ragga" acts now turns its attention *to the long-playing format. Born in the* turbulent Jamaican dancehalls of the 1980s, ragga is the rough and rude spiritual descendant of reggae.

Shabba Ranks remains its premier exponent and an exemplar of the modern vogue for "slackness" (extreme vulgarity) that has engulfed a music which *began as an idealistic* celebration of peace, love and good ganja. Originally released last year, *X-Tra Naked* is now re-issued in an extended version which incorporates Ranks's current hit, "Mr Loverman", which *peaked at No 3 in the Gallup chart two* weeks ago. While Ranks's rapid, patois declamations may obscure some of the finer details, the general thrust of numbers like "Cocky Rim" and "Bedroom Bully" is clear enough. Set to fairly minimalist backing tracks and spurred on by a chorus of orgasmic (female) squeaks and groans, Ranks yammers away like an auctioneer in a whorehouse.

Snow, the white dancehall star from Canada, has suffered the indignity of being labelled the Vanilla Ice of ragga. Still top of the American chart with "The Informer" (and recently at No 2 over here) his *12 Inches Of Snow* is more developed melodically and a smoother draw generally than the music of Ranks, but his superfast lyrics are frequently even more *impenetrable*.

In Britain the hunt for a homegrown ragga star has turned up General Levy, a *fast-talking 22-year-old from* Harlesden, west London. Levy's debut *The Wickeder General* is stuffed with singles that have already been hits in the specialist charts — "Hear', "Breeze" and "The Wig" — and his good-humoured raps about the latest dance crazes and fashion accessories have an oddly infectious quality. Given the necessary promotional push, he could well follow in the footsteps of Birmingham's Apache Indian in taking the new sound of the urban English dancehall to *Top Of The Pops*.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	Suede	Suede (Nude)
2	Black Tie White Noise	David Bowie (Savage)
3	Songs of Faith and Devotion	Depeche Mode (Mute)
4	Powertrippin'	Almighty (Polydor)
5	Beaster	Sugar (Creation)
6	Are You Gonna Go My Way	Lenny Kravitz (Virgin America)
7	The Greatest Hits	Hot Chocolate (EMI)
8	Unplugged	Eric Clapton (Duck)
9	Automatic For The People	R.E.M. (Warner Brothers)
10	Diva	Annie Lennox (RCA)

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SEVEN DAYS

OUT & ABOUT THIS WEEK

Mick Jagger: "Don't Tear Me Up" (Eastwest). Second single from the estimable *Wandering Spirit*. B-side "Put Me In The Trash" is a much superior cut.

REUNION: The Velvet Underground — Lou Reed, John Cale, Sterling Morrison and Moe Tucker — announce their return to action with dates at the Edinburgh Playhouse (031 557 2590) June 1 and 2; Forum, London NW5 (071-284 0303) June 5; and Wembley Arena (081-900 1234) June 6. According to Tucker: "We found out how much fun it is to play again and thought why not?" That simple.

NOW BOOKING: Peter Gabriel at Sheffield Arena (0742 565656) May 24-25; SECC, Glasgow (031 557 6969) May 26; Earl's Court, London (071-240 7200) May 31, June 1.

TV: *Paul McCartney Up Close* (BBC1, 10.50pm, Mon). Specially recorded interview and concert footage of McCartney and band ploughing through old Beatles songs along with tracks from the new album he's out to plug.

BOOK: *The Complete Guitarist*, by Richard Chapman (Dorling Kindersley, £15.99) published Thursday. Astonishingly detailed and gorgeously illustrated guide to playing the primary instrument of rock. Also covers jazz, classical and flamenco techniques and includes a detailed section on sound and amplification. Tremendous value for money.

SINGLES: Terence Trent D'Arby: "Do You Love Me Like You Say?" (Columbia 659073) Four years since his last album flopped, this hectic funk workout could be a Top 10 hit. Taken from his forthcoming album *Symphony Or Damn*.

Six men
of
power



by a seventh.

In The Times on Saturday you will find a special supplement devoted to six remarkable profiles by Roy Jenkins. His subjects are 'Rab' Butler, Aneurin Bevan, Iain Macleod, Dean Acheson, Konrad Adenauer and Charles de Gaulle – men who not only influenced his own political life, but who shaped our world. So settle back with The Times this Easter, and enjoy Roy Jenkins's 'Gang of Six'.

THE TIMES

POP CONCERT: David Essex

Covered in glory



David Essex: charming

ON A night when bombs and hoaxes had brought the town to gridlock, by 7.30pm we were safely in our Dominion seats for the support act, who appeared at 7.50. Take That are currently kings of the teen scene, *which may* be why these five hopefuls must have thought it a good idea to call themselves Ouch.

Two of them looked like holiday *camp* organisers, two like session musicians and the lead guitarist, whose appearance suggested he *thought* he was in Uriah Heep, hopped about *as though* auditioning for the lead in the Marc Bolan Story. Their best songs sounded like *classic Hollies* (excellent harmonies), compounding the mystery.

After an interval of an hour (no announcements), David Essex and *his four musicians* sauntered on. Essex, trading heavily on his cheeky-chappie charm, essayed a few dance steps, lifting his knees and twisting, as though he had stepped in something unpleasant, although thumbs-up gestures indicated that he had the situation under control, mate.

The band had been at Elstree, recording an appearance on *Top of the Pops* connected with his new album, *Cover Shot*, apparently on its way into the charts. Songs from this collection of cover versions made up half of an 80-minute set that was otherwise thick with his own past glories: "*Gonna Make* You A Star", "Rock On", "Silver Dream Machine", "Hold Me Close" and "A Shoulder To Cry On".

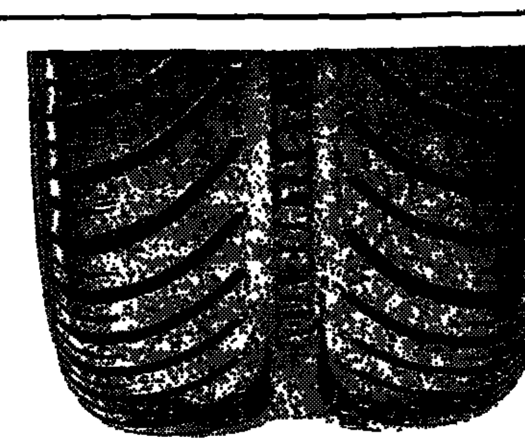
The Essex voice is a pleasing but fragile thing, dependent on the harmonies of keyboard player Ian Wherry, guitarist *Martin Bliss* and bass-player Gerry Moffett. The necessary key-changes were marked by yet another punch in the air from Essex and a change of gear by the faultless drummer, Matthew Letley.

The single most extraordinary aspect of a well-paced show was the reaction of the audience. The fervour (first dancers up in the first song; the stage rushed during the *third number; singing along* with every song) suggested that he need not have hurried back from Elstree: they would have forgiven him anything.

Cover versions and greatest *hits being by definition* familiar songs, the singing along and dancing (one man with a toddler on his shoulders) became almost continuous. "Everlasting Love", "Here Comes the Night", "Time After Time" and "The First Cut Is The Deepest" offered ample opportunity for eloquent gestures, which recalled Essex's early triumph in *Godspell*. Nowadays he is as wrinkly as he is twinkly, *an amalgam of* Anthony Newley, Terence Stamp and Paul Nicholas. He does not take himself seriously, and seemed moved at the *warmth of the response*.

So well-disposed were the crowd that even the backdrop projection of a silhouette of Tower Bridge during a shaky version of "Waterloo Sunset" passed without comment: what price topography when Essex represents heaven?

TONY PATRICK



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MOTORING

Can a home-grown car challenge Mercedes and BMW? **Vaughan Freeman** reports on the new Rover 600

Rover finds a future in its past





Tradition: Gordon Sked, left, of Rover, says the best features of old British cars have been adapted for the 600

'We had to make sure this vehicle neither threatened the 800 nor had a major overlap with the 400. Creating the identity was a prime factor'

The first steps towards Rover's all-new 600 saloon were actually taken 40 years ago by car designers of another age. Their work has been carefully analysed and now, says the BAe-owned company, holds the key to future as well as present Rover models.

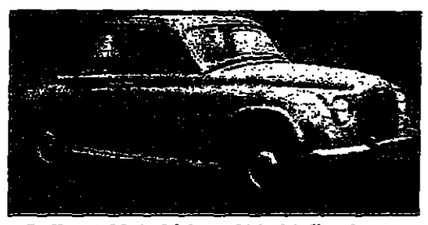
Looking to the past for inspiration has had nothing to do with any notion as soft-headed as nostalgia but with searching for a formula that sells. As a result, Rover's newest car — like the 800 large saloon launched 18 months ago — is designed to pick out those styling traits of the 1950s and 1960s that epitomise the genteel and comfortable curves of classic British automobile design, but adapted to incorporate 1990s appeal.

A look at the squared-off sides and aggressive styling of the old-shape Rover 800 will show just how much softer and rounded the new cars are. The almost-bulbous contours of the 600, together with finishing touches such as the chrome surround of the rear numberplate and the front radiator grille, are a careful evocation of another era of motoring.

Despite the emphasis on motoring heritage, there has been no compromise on technology and engineering. Rover worked hand in glove with Honda, its Japanese partner, to develop the 600 and its sister car, the Accord. The two share engines, gearboxes, transmission and suspension. Otherwise, only the roof, front windscreen and front doors are the same on the two cars.

Rover has gone to extreme lengths to make sure its 600 looks totally different from the Accord and feels different inside.

Work to build in those differences started in the initial design stages of the Rover 800 with painstaking research into past British-designed cars. The idea was to try to isolate what it was about cars such as the Rover P4 and P5 and old Austins and Daimlers that made them unmistakably British. Gordon Sked, Rover Group's product design director, of all Rover Group products, says: "With the Rover 800 launched in late 1991, we did a comprehensive study into our background in terms of Rover vehicles, as well as a study of British cars generally, to find what we thought were some of the more attractive features of successful cars of the past.



Indisputably British: a 1950s 2½-litre Rover

"Little things, such as the reintroduction of the grille, feature strongly with the 600. Generally, there is a voluptuousness in the panel form in British cars: the panels look slightly blown, slightly over-round, which has been typical of British cars in the past.

The attention paid to detail is reflected in the chrome surround of the rear numberplate, which Rover believes makes the car instantly recognisable at the back and is another feature lifted from Rovers of the past.

Rover had already worked on parallel collaborations with Honda to develop the Rover 200 and Concerto, the 800 and the Honda Legend.

As Toyota was considering building at its new Swindon factory a competitor to Vauxhall's Cavalier and Ford's Mondeo, and Rover was looking for the right size car to fit the gap between its 200-400 series and the 800, the Accord-600 link-up naturally appealed.

Mr Sked says: "The Rover 600 was really born as a result, but we had to make sure this vehicle neither threatened the 800 nor had a major overlap with the 400. Creating the individual identity of the new car was a prime factor."

The inside look of the car is crucial, Mr Sked says. "We have created a genuine Rover interior," he explains. "We have fitted wood on the doors and on the fascia because we wanted to put across the wood and leather story."

One of the colours available for the car's interior — stone biege — is unique to Rover and is a colour that has often been used in Rovers of the past. There is also a gleaming chrome name-plate on the sill below the front doors, giving each car an individual touch. For every motorist who remembers the village doctor or veterinary surgeon driving nothing but a Rover, the 600 will seem strangely familiar.

At last, a British car to take on the best

Matching the brilliant package of size, price, prestige and performance that BMW's 3 Series, the Mercedes-Benz 190 range and the Audi 80 all manage with such apparent ease has lately been beyond the abilities of any home-grown British motor manufacturer, *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

That was, until this week and the launch of the handsome Rover 600, a true challenger in the medium-sized, quality-saloon sector. This is a car which, in its styling and carefully crafted market appeal, is right at the centre of future Rover designs. If there is any car in the present line-up that embodies what future Rover vehicles will be like, this is it.

The prestige-saloon sector for medium-sized cars accounts for about 60,000 sales a year in Britain. Rover plans to sell up to 25,000 of its 600s at home and is therefore clearly planning to steal sales from its rivals and to encourage more motorists to buy in this sector. Gordon Sked, Rover Group's product design director, says: "I don't believe this country has as yet produced something which gives a logical alternative to a BMW or Mercedes-Benz. The 600 is going to do an excellent job in getting a lot of people out of BMWs."

It is also a car that should put a smile on the face of Chancellor Norman Lamont. Of the 50,000 Rover 600s to be built next year at Rover's site at Cowley, Oxford, up to half will go for export, worth about £400 million at showroom prices.

Rover prepared the groundwork for the 600, which goes on sale on April 20, by announcing this week that prices for the range will be frozen for the whole of 1993, thus pre-empting pricing problems that clouded Fords' launch of the Mondeo last month and which this week forced Ford to cut the cost of its new car by an average 6 per cent.

The 600 has great presence and looks hewn rather than built. The car I drove had as standard a long list of original equipment including driver-side airbag, low-profile sporting tyres, speed-sensitive power steering, remote-control central door locking, leather seats, alarm, side-intrusion beams and anti-lock breaks, plus all the chrome and wood you could shake a duster at.

ROVER 600

Car: Rover 623iS
Engine: Four-cylinder, 2259cc, 16-valve petrol, giving 158bhp at 5800rpm through five-speed manual gearbox
Performance: 0-60mph in 8.2 seconds, top speed 134mph
Economy: Fuel consumption, urban 25.4mpg, 41mpg at 56mph, 33mpg at 75mph
Price: £19,250

Few modern cars are individual enough to turn heads but the Rover 600 is an exception. It will come only in a four-door saloon shape, which Rover believes is more dignified than a five-door hatchback. Inside, there is plenty of head and leg room for front occupants, but room in the back is cramped.

The comfort and feel of the car give a misleading impression about its speed. It has good acceleration, top speed is almost twice the legal limit and on the motorway all is quiet, almost hushed. The car feels solid and confident and on winding B roads handling and suspension are secure and comfortable.

The Rover 600, like its sister car the Honda Accord, is eminently capable. It is also quintessentially British. It feels right and there is none of the sombre black interior loved by German manufacturers or the plastic trims found in most Japanese-built cars.

John Towers, Rover Cars managing director, says: "This sector is an area of the market in which all potential customers are looking for executive characteristics of distinction, prestige and character — but in different ways. The customer may be the aspiring young professional who is just short of the full step into executive trappings but, equally, he or she may be an established executive.

"This sector has one distinguishing feature: prestige. It would be wrong of me to suggest that in developing the 600 we had any specific competitor in mind, but the BMW 3 Series has probably been the benchmark."

The range is priced from £13,995 for the entry model 620i up to £21,995 for the top of the range 623 GSi. Rover will stagger the introduction of the whole range through the year, starting with the three 131 bhp derivatives, followed by the 115bhp 620i version in August. The top-flight 2.3 litre cars will become available in October.

This is aggressive pricing. The BMW 3 Series is priced from £15,000, the Audi 80 from £14,740 and the Mercedes 190 from £16,900. These three will clearly be under threat from the Rover 600's abilities as well as its price. But half the Vauxhall Cavalier range and the Ford Mondeo range overlap the 600 prices. Given the recent Budget changes in company car tax, it must be from here that Rover is hoping to steal future customers.

Having driven the car, I can only feel confident that the British manufacturer will succeed.

This weekend's Formula One Grand Prix is a test bed for road car design

We all win at Donington

Watch the stream of Formula One cars roaring around Donington race track in the European Grand Prix on Sunday and you might think you are watching machines from another planet.

They may have four wheels and an engine but that seems to be where the similarity between Damon Hill's Williams Renault and the average Ford Escort stops.

F1 motor racing, where competition breeds high-speed solutions to high-speed problems, is the zenith of automotive technology. Often, those solutions spin off new ideas that filter down to the ordinary family saloon.

Motor racing is not just a sport but a vital testing ground for many of the world's leading manufacturers. There is no harsher environment for a gearbox that has to cope with a highly-stressed engine, brakes that have to shave fractions of a second off lap times and suspensions that must deal with G-forces usually experienced in a jet fighter.

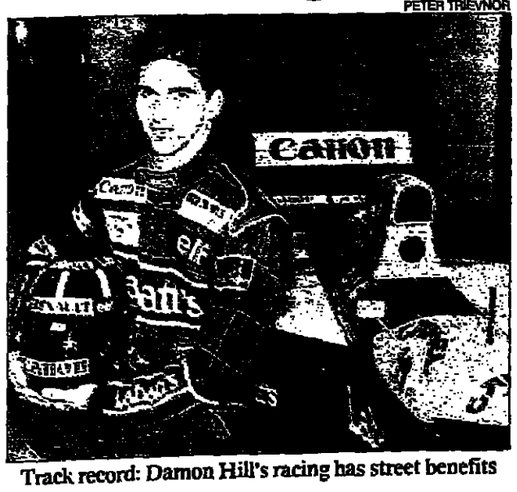
Engine technology has been the most obvious advance, in which the name of Cosworth has become familiar on city streets as well as the race track.

Cosworth engines made their name in F1 and now power Nigel Mansell's Indy-Car in the United States.

The introduction of fuel-injection and advanced multi-valve technology, which allows a more-controlled petrol feed leading to better performance and fuel economy, came from racing but is now to be found under the bonnets of millions of ordinary cars.

Dick Scammell, who runs Cosworth's Indycar activities from the company's Northampton base, says: "It is not always obvious to the man in the street how racing can affect his own car. But racing is an excellent test bed. Cars operate at immense stress levels which would be difficult if not impossible to reproduce in normal conditions."

PETER TRIEVNOR



Track record: Damon Hill's racing has street benefits

Aerodynamics and the use of ground effect, which offer greater stability at speed, have transferred easily from Jaguar's Group C racers to the XJ220, the world's fastest production model and will influence future development of the company's limousines and sports cars.

Disc brakes, now common on the road, were pioneered by racing teams. Traction control, which helps prevent skidding, is becoming a regular feature of many cars.

Active suspension, pioneered by Lotus and taken to the ultimate in the Williams Renault, is soon to become a feature of road-going cars.

But some of the most important developments are not always visible to the eye and probably capture little of the ordinary motorist's attention. According to Castrol UK, about 50 per cent of drivers have their cars serviced only once a year and 40 per cent of drivers will go as long as two years without giving them a check-up. The car may be going along fine. What they cannot see is the gradual climb in fuel consumption, the big increase in exhaust pollution and damage to the engine that such neglect causes.

Castrol's boffins have worked on the solution not in the laboratory but on the racetrack. When Johnny Herbert blasts off the starting grid at Donington this weekend, his Lotus will be using the same engine oil, Formula RS, that can be bought on the petrol station forecourt.

Formula RS is one of a new generation of synthetic motor oils gradually displacing more conventional mineral oils in the engine.

They are able to cope with temperatures up to 300 degrees Centigrade. They also have better viscosity and can be pumped around the engine more easily in the cold.

Since most journeys are of ten miles or fewer in this country, a synthetic oil could radically reduce engine wear. It could also improve fuel economy by about 3 per cent and cut emissions, particularly of the chlorine compounds that are normally found in mineral oil additives

Synthetic oils are a big step forward and one of the products that owe their rapid but costly development to motor racing. It is a development so successful that virtually all the major manufacturers, including Jaguar, Mercedes-Benz, Ford and Renault, are involved at some level.

So when the first driver passes the finishing flag on Sunday he will be only one of the winners. The others will be the motor components companies — and ordinary drivers.

KEVIN EASON

ROADWISE

Paper chase

EASTER drivers heading abroad for the holiday should not leave home without the necessary paperwork. The AA says that the law requires drivers to carry their vehicle registration documents when they go overseas. If this is not possible, as with a company or hire car, a £3.50 hire vehicle certificate, V103, is needed.

Jeanne Johnson, the AA's travel underwriting manager, says: "Spot checks are sometimes made on cars at continental ferry ports. Not having the right documents may lead to a fine."

Four-star food

IF IT seems harder to find somewhere to fill up, there is a reason. The recession is hitting the petrol trade: last year 698 service-station businesses failed, according to the Petrol Retailers Association.

Britain now has 18,549 service stations, more than half of them owned by the big six — Shell, Esso, BP, Texaco, Burmah and Jet. It is, however, getting easier to fill up when you buy groceries as more supermarkets add forecourts to their stores.



Whose car?

THE warning, buyer beware, has more relevance than ever for motorists considering the purchase of a used car, according to HPI Autodata, a vehicle information organisation. New statistics show that one used car in five on sale has an outstanding finance agreement against it, one in four has had a major damage-related insurance claim and one in 94 has been stolen or is the possible subject of fraud.

A car bought when stolen or subject to a finance agreement may have to be returned to its true owner. A car damaged in an accident might be no longer roadworthy and therefore uninsurable. For £15, motorists can check a car's history by dialling HPI (0722 422422).

Jammed up

BY the year 2000, says the British Road Federation, up to six million more cars could be on the road, taking the total to 25 million.

Britain's roads are already among Europe's busiest, with 63 vehicles per kilometre of road, compared to Belgium's 33. The European Community average is 44.

Ensure a bargain

INSURANCE is a big cost but motorists can save up to 20 per cent on premiums by shopping around for the best value, says Churchill Insurance, one of the largest direct private motor insurers.

THE WORLD ACCORDING TO car

'Sentimentality isn't going to build a better Jaguar. Ford might, however.'

Bulgin on Jaguar

A BETTER JAGUAR?



How does the new 6 litre XJ12 acquit itself on the classic route through the Trossachs to the Gleneagles Hotel?

BISHOP ON BUGATTI

'Attending a Bugatti occasion is like going to High Mass. Instead of incense there is the alluring odour of Castrol R...'

SWEET 70'S REVIVAL?

Flares-a-flapping, we join the revivalists in the search for classics from the Slade decade. Amongst the TR7s and X1/9s, it seems, all that Gary Glitters is not gold.

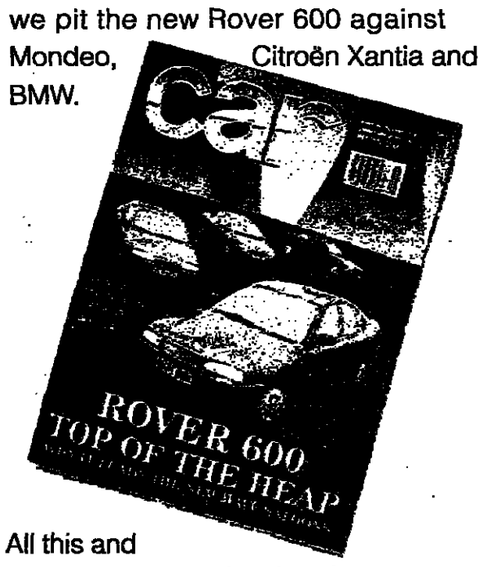
BREMNER ON THE FUTURE



'If Pininfarina's Ethos is the kind of car we must drive to avoid souring the atmosphere, then I for one can't wait.'

MR ROVER ON ROVER

Out and out performance isn't the goal, according to Rover MD John Towers. So... what is? Find out when we pit the new Rover 600 against Mondeo, Citroën Xantia and BMW.



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St Helens afraid of falling short again

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

TWO performances tower above all others this season: the sublime exuberance of St Helens, when they tore Wigan apart 41-6 at Christmas, and the revengeful destruction exacted in the Challenge Cup seven weeks later.

As irresistible a force as St Helens can be, the immovable object was not going to be shifted that day. Wigan were awesomely strong in winning 21-3 and their opponents visibly shaken. Until the demolition of Leeds last Sunday and their takeover once more at the top of the *Stones Bitter championship*, St Helens still looked to be recovering their senses.

It is usually around this time of year that Wigan bleat about too many games, and then proceed to win the lot. The feat will prove a good deal harder this time. Successive away defeats at Bradford and Castleford have left them in an anxious state.

Today's clash at Central Park is not quite the final championship act, but might as well be. Should they win, St Helens would have only to draw with Widnes at Knowsley Road on Easter Monday to wrap up their first league title in 18 years: Wigan, if they succeed, must beat either Warrington away the same day or Castleford at home the following Friday.

At the denouement, Wigan have an uncanny knack of grabbing the best lines. Apart from a Lancashire Cup semi-final victory in 1991 and an early round Premiership win two years before, St Helens have been frustrated by their rivals at every significant turn over seven seasons.

The heavy second-round Cup defeat by Wigan in February rocked St Helens for a while, but familiar doubts about their mental stamina have been temporarily removed by five consecutive wins. Mike McClennan, the St Helens coach, feels the side is attuned this time, and although he refuses to acknowledge it, the Wigan edifice is not as stable as it once was.

St Helens need to produce something special, like they managed against Wigan in December. The removal of Platt, Skerrett, McGinty and Bell from the pack because of injury, has defused some of Wigan's power, but not an ardent will to pip the old enemy at the winning post.

Keighley will secure the third division title should they defeat Batley tonight.

First division

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St Helens	24	19	0	5	595	319	38
Wigan	23	18	0	5	684	287	36
Widnes	23	14	0	9	479	375	28
Castleford	23	13	1	9	506	358	27
Bradford	22	13	0	9	492	390	26
Leeds	23	11	2	10	537	478	24
Halifax	23	12	0	11	497	458	24
Warrington	23	11	1	11	437	377	23
Sheffield	24	10	0	14	361	588	20
Hull	24	9	0	15	349	513	18
Salford	24	9	0	15	458	657	18
Wakefield	24	7	2	15	377	515	16
Leigh	23	7	2	14	310	556	16
Hull K R	23	6	0	17	299	541	12

British Formula One enthusiasts turn their attentions to life after Mansell



Fine tuning: Williams mechanics make last-minute adjustments to Hill's car in the pits at Donington before practice yesterday. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Hill out to show he is on right track



Oliver Holt sees an encouraging first day's practice for the European grand prix at Donington Park

As British motor racing prepared yesterday to relaunch itself without Nigel Mansell in the misty Midlands, Damon Hill, the Williams new boy, prepared to fill the void.

When the grand prix of Europe begins on Sunday, it will be the first time such a race has been held at Donington since 1938 and it will be the first time for more than a decade that a grand prix on British soil has started without Mansell.

Hill's task has been made more difficult by the fact that, by the time of his defection to IndyCar racing last year, Mansell seemed to have established a virtual monopoly on success in races in his native country.

Mansell, who is recovering from injuries sustained in a practice crash before what was to have been his first appearance on an Oval, at Phoenix last Sunday, won the British grand prix four times, was second twice, and won the last European grand prix at Brands Hatch, in 1985, his first grand prix victory.

Hill can take comfort in his second place to Ayrton Senna in Brazil a fortnight ago and in his familiarity with the Donington Park track, gained while racing motorbikes and in Formula Ford and Formula Three. But the expectation that he will continue effortlessly where Mansell left off has put him under pressure.

"I do feel in a way that I need to recreate the phenomenon Nigel created for the British, but I'm different," Hill said. "He captured a certain feeling in British motor sport. He was a real fighter; it was great watching him race. You knew he was going to lay it on the line.

"I'm not saying that I won't do that because I am equally determined, but I am a totally different character to Nigel and my style is different too.

"The whole thing of comparisons is nothing new to me because throughout my career I've been compared to my father or to somebody else. Being in the same tight team as Nigel was last year and being of the same nationality, it is tempting for people to think I can just jump in and take over where he left off.

"Well, it is not going to happen. I would just ask people to look at this as a new chapter, not as me being some sort of understudy."

After a disappointing start in South Africa, when he was shunted off the track on the eleventh lap following an early spin, Hill came into his own in Brazil. He led for several laps, after his team-mate, Alain Prost, spun off during a cloudburst, but eventually settled for second, behind Senna.

It was only his fourth grand prix start; Jackie Stewart's British record is a victory at the eighth attempt. Hill, though, is under no illusions about the ruthlessness of his profession and recognises he must achieve consistent success if he is to retain his berth with Williams.

He discounts the suggestion that his career might have been better served by a more gradual introduction to the pressures of grands prix, but his justification for what he accepts was the "gamble" of taking the Williams drive has a sting in the tail.

"I have been drafted into the Williams team and I am expected to produce results," he said. "They are pretty unforgiving if you do not do that, but Frank Williams has taken me on because he sees I have got potential. Nigel was taken on alongside Rosberg at Williams because they thought he had potential.

"But I have got very limited time because truly, if I do not show some pretty strong potential by midway through the season, you are going to be well into the rumour mongering part of the year and there will be all sorts of talk about Nigel coming back and Senna coming to Williams and the rest of it."

Hill began his build up well yesterday, finishing 0.081sec behind Prost in the preliminary practice session.

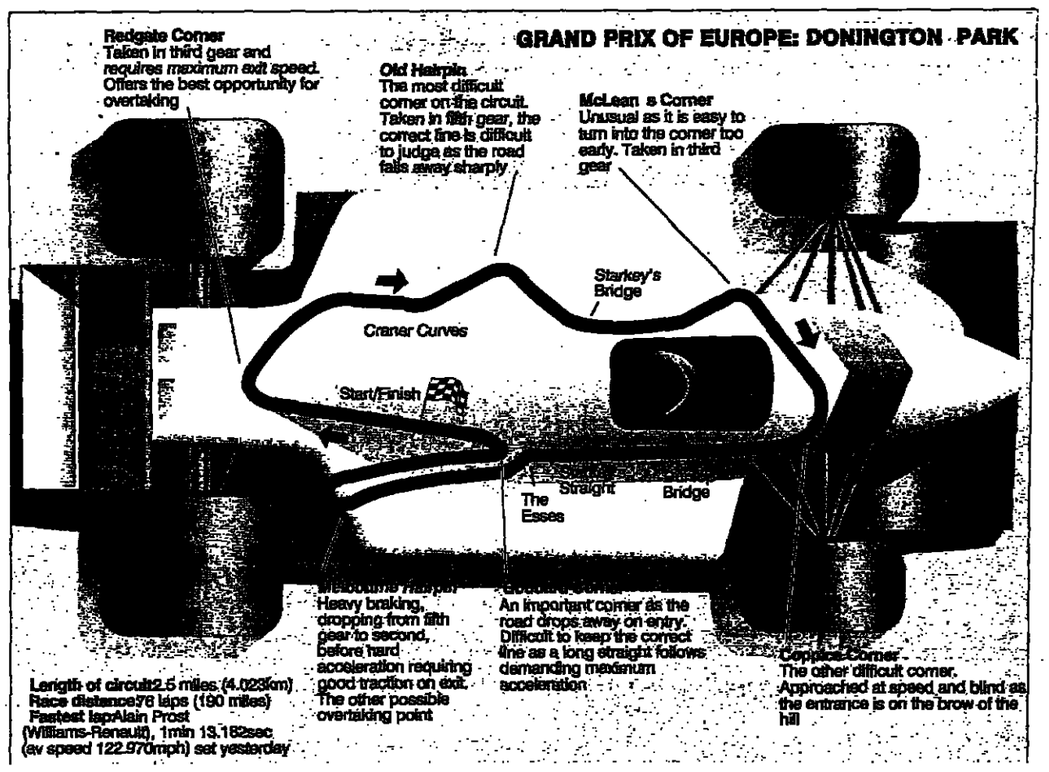
Prost shrugged aside his worries about the safety of the circuit when he recorded the fastest time and shattered the pedestrian lap record in the process. He said recently the track was "dangerous and so tight it was like driving in my kitchen".

Yesterday, he toned down his criticism, saying only that he was a little worried about driving at Donington in a modern Formula One car. "It is England, it is April and it is raining" he said. "That is really all I can say."

After just 14 laps, the three-time world champion had knocked more than six seconds off the previous lap record of 1min 19.380sec, set by Mauro Baldi in a Peugeot sports car in July last year.

Hill, 32, said the £600,000 that had been spent on safety improvements for the twisting track and its tight corners had made it as safe as many others on the Formula One circuit. "It is a terrific circuit to drive on," he said. "It is a beautiful feeling driving into the hairpin and I feel more comfortable coming to a track I am familiar with. I felt what it was like to be ahead in Brazil and it set something off in me. If I get to the front again, I will be better equipped to stay there a little longer."

PRACTICE TIMES: 1, A Prost (Fr), Williams-Renault, 1min 13.182sec (122.970mph, lap record); 2, D Hill (GB), Williams-Renault, 1:13.263; 3, G Berger (Austria), Ferrari, 1:14.370; 4, A Senna (Br), McLaren-Ford, 1:14.481; 5, J Herbert (GB), Lotus-Ford, 1:14.899; 6, M Brundle (GB), Ligier-Renault, 1:15.318; 7, P Alliot (Fr), Larousse-Lamborghini, 1:15.330; 8, J Lehto (Fin), Sauber, 1:15.432; 9, M Schumacher (Ger), Benetton-Ford, 1:15.504; 10, M Blundell (GB), Ligier-Renault, 1:15.845; 11, J Alesi (Fr), Ferrari, 1:15.930; 12, R Patrese (It), Benetton-Ford, 1:15.971; 13, C Fittipaldi (Br), Minardi-Ford, 1:16.389; 14, F Barbazza (It), Minardi-Ford, 1:16.492; 15, E Comas (Fr), Larousse-Lamborghini, 1:16.536; 16, T Boutsen (Bel), Jordan-Hart, 1:17.549; 17, K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber, 1:17.676; 18, R Barrichello (Br), Jordan-Hart, 1:17.887; 19, A De Cesaris (It), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 1:18.967; 20, D Warwick (GB), Footwork Mugen-Honda, 1:19.034; 21, A Andretti (US), McLaren-Ford, 1:19.128; 22, L Badoer (It), BMS Lola-Ferrari, 1:19.167; 23, A Zanardi (It), Lotus-Ford, 1:19.611; 24, M Alboreto (It), BMS Lola-Ferrari, 1:20.137; 25, U Katayama (Japan), Tyrrell-Yamaha, 1:23.107; 26, A Suzuki (Japan), Footwork Mugen-Honda, 1:24.419.



Pears in race to recover fitness for tour

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

HARLEQUINS, who already face the prospect of being without three injured players — Will Carling, the England captain, among them — for their *Pilkington Cup* semi-final against Wasps tomorrow, are resigned to the absence for the rest of the season of David Pears.

Pears, 25, has suffered from a succession of injuries to jaw, back and groin, the last necessitating an operation, and though he has been selected for England's five-match tour to Canada next month, his fitness must be in doubt. He has already withdrawn from the game between an England XV and RF Oakes's XV at Hartlepool Rovers on Sunday.

Club officials believe Pears, the holder of three England caps at stand-off half, would be better left to make a complete recovery during the summer rather than go to Canada lacking match fitness and liable to break down. Two other players selected for the match at Hartlepool are unavailable, Kyran Bracken being replaced at scrum half by Steve Douglas (Newcastle Gosforth) and Victor Ubogu at prop by Ian Dunston (Wasps).

Ray Williams, the former secretary of the Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) and tournament organiser of the 1991 World Cup, is to stand as one of the five national representatives to be elected next month to the reconstituted general committee of the union.

The French Rugby Federation has moved to clear suggestions that the two full backs in the match last month between France and Wales, Jean-Baptiste *Lafond and Tony Clement*, took banned drugs before the match.

Bernard Lapasset, the federation president, said yesterday that laboratory tests showed no evidence that either player had taken prohibited substances. It was alleged earlier this week that tests showed that the players had taken substances on the French sport ministry's banned list.

Lafond had taken medication for a cough while Clement took medicine prescribed by the WRU medical staff after an attack of dysentery. At no stage has it been suggested that the players offended the International Olympic Committee's banned drugs list which rugby unions broadly follow.

☐ Terry Price, who won eight caps at full back for Wales between 1965 and 1967, died in a road accident in Oxfordshire on Wednesday. He was 47. Price won his first cap as a student at Leicester University, aged 19, having made his first class debut on the wing for Llanelli against the New Zealanders while still at school.

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FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 5, Chicago Cubs 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Florida Marlins 2; Philadelphia Phillies 6, Houston Astros 3; St Louis Cardinals 6, San Francisco Giants 2; Montreal Expos 5, Cincinnati Reds 1; New York Mets 6, Colorado Rockies 1.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Toronto Blue Jays, 2 Seattle Mariners 0; Cleveland Indians 4, New York Yankees 2; Texas Rangers 3, Baltimore Orioles 1; Minnesota Twins 6, Chicago White Sox 1; Boston Red Sox 3, Kansas City Royals 2; Oakland Athletics 12, Detroit Tigers 7.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Philadelphia 76ers 98, Washington Bullets 80; Orlando Magic 109, Charlotte Hornets 98; Indiana Pacers 113, Minnesota Timberwolves 105.

BOWLS

ELY: International Masters: Final: G Harlow bt W Richards, 9-8, 9-8.
LONDON AND SOUTHERN COUNTIES CHALLENGE SHIELD: Semi-finals: Cambridge Park 75, Paddington 61; Desborough (Maidenhead) 88, Stevenage 67.

CRICKET

PAKISTANIS: First Innings 255-8 dec (Inzamam-ul-Haq 84, Ramiz Raja 75; S Chanderpaul 4-68).

Second Innings

Shakeel Ahmad not out	52
Zahid Fazal c Cummins b Benjamin	13
Asif Mujtaba not out	67
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 9)	14
Total (1 wkt)	146

FALL OF WICKET: 1-36.
BOWLING: Cummins 7-1-26-0; Benjamin 5-0-22-1; Gibson 5-0-22-0; Browne 2-1-2-0; Chanderpaul 7-0-31-0; Adams 6-0-35-0; Arthurton 1-0-1-0; Joseph 1-0-3-0.

WISC PRESIDENT'S XI
First Innings

D A Joseph b Aqib	4
S C Williams c Rahman b Nadeem	11
† I C Holder c Mustaq b Rahman	144
*K L T Arthurton lbw b Rahman	74
J C Adams c Moin Khan b Nadeem	13
S Chanderpaul not out	140
† R D Jacobs not out	100
Extras (lb 10, w 3, nb 9)	22
Total (5 wkts dec)	508

B Browne, K C G Benjamin, A C Cummins and O D Gibson to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-23, 3-186, 4-227, 5-284.
BOWLING: Aqib 3.1-0-12-1; Amer Nazir 16-4-72-0; Nadeem 37-9-129-2; Mujtaba 32-6-90-0; Rahman 20-0-106-2; Basit 1-0-5-0; Zahid 9-0-35-0; Ramiz 9-0-48-0.
Umpires: C R Duncan and R W Haynes

CRICKET

ESSEX: Championship: Essex 1 pt, Kent 1 pt.

BOXING

NAPLES: European bantamweight championship: Vincenzo Belcastro (It, holder) bt John Miceli (Bel), pts.
LEEDS: Super-middleweight (10 rnds): Henry Wharton (York) bt Ray Domenge (Nebraska) rsc 3rd. Commonwealth light-heavyweight title (12 rnds): Brant Kogolobis (Can) bt Michael Gale (Leeds) rsc 9th. Super-middleweight (8 rnds): Nick Manners (Leeds) bt Joe McKenzie (Newport) rsc 2nd. Light-middleweight (6 rnds): David Larkin (Leeds) bt Cliff Churchwood (Bristol) rsc 4th. Ron Hopley (Ripon) bt Warren Stephens (Birmingham) pts. Bantamweight (8 rnds): Tony Silkstone (Leeds) bt Dean Lynch (Swansea) pts.

FOOTBALL

KOBE, Japan: World Cup, Asian Zone, First round: Group F: Japan 1, Thailand 0; United Arab Emirates 4.
ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Estudiantes de la Plata 1, Lanus 0; Belgrano 0, Racing Club 4; San Martin 3, Platense 1; Independiente 1, Talleres 1.
BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Sao Paulo championship, first stage: Group A: Corinthians 2, Ituano 0; Juventus 1, Mogi Mirim 3; Marilia 3, Santos 1; Portuguesa 0, Bragantino 0; Rio Branco 0, XV de Piracicaba 0; Uniao Sao Joao 1, Mogi Mirim 3. Group B: America/Sao Paulo 3, XV de Jau 3; Aracatuba 0, Santo Andre 0; Botalogo/Riberao Preto 1, Catanduvense 1; Olimpia 0, Ferroviaria 1, Sao Caetano 2, Saocarlense 0; Sao Jose 0, Internacional/Limeira 0; Taquaritinga 1, Novorizontino 1.
LIBERTADORES CUP: Second round, first leg: Cerro Portano (Paraguay) 1, Cobreloa (Chile) 1; Nacional/Quito (Ecuador) 3, Sporting Cristal (Peru) 0; America/Cali (Colombia) 2, Bolivar (Bolivia) 1; Flamengo (Brazil) 6, Minaston (Venezuela) 2; Nacional/Montevideo (Uruguay) 1, Olimpia (Paraguay) 2; Universidad Catolica (Chile) 2, Atletco Nacional (Colombia) 0; Universitano (Peru) 2, Barcelona (Ecuador) 1; Newell's Old Boys (Argentina) 2, Sao Paulo (Brazil) 0.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Accrington Stanley 2, Whitley Bay 0; Fleetwood 3, Mossley 2. Challenge Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Winsford 1, Workington 0 (Winsford win 2-0 on agg).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Solihull 6, Atherstone 0. Southern division: Canterbury 2, Dunstable 2; Wealdstone 0, Witney 1. Midland division: Bani 3, Dudley 1; Hinckley 2, Grantham 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Edgware 4, Southall 4; Rainham 3, Hungerford 0.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg 1, Belper 2.
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chadderton 2, Burscough 2; Glossop North End 1, Clitheroe 0.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Plymouth Argyle 4, Minehead 2; Tiverton 9, Chard 1; Westbury 2, Frome 2.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Manchester Utd 2, Bolton 2; Rotherham 0, Aston Villa 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Second division: Cardiff 2, Exeter 0; Bournemouth 2, Torquay 1.
SCHOOLBOYS UNDER-15 INTERNATIONAL: England 0, Austria 1.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New Jersey Devils 5, New York Rangers 2; Hartford Whalers 6, Ottawa Senators 1; Pittsburgh Penguins 4, Montreal Canadiens 3 (OT), Vancouver Canucks 5, Edmonton Oilers 4 (OT).

GOLF

WEST HILL GOLF CLUB: Father and son foursomes: Fourth round: R A and D Wood (Widemesse/Nevill) bt DH and C Ramsay (Berkhamsted), 5 and 4; G N and M Batt-Rawden (Haywards Heath/West Hill) bt P J and M Banks (W Sussex), 1 hole; P J M and R Bathurst (Hankley Common) bt R J and D Hill (Worplesdon), at 19th; V F and M Davis (Wyke Green/Sudbury) bt J F and S Murphy (Wolding/Saujana Kuala Lumpur), 2 and 1; P E and D Story (Mullion/Liphook) bt J N and C Gems (Malden), 4 and 3; J B C and W Atkinson (Bishop's Stortford) bt J T Green and J Homan-Green (RAC Country), 3 and 2; M J and R Hargreaves (Rowlands Castle) bt D and R Logan (Hankley Common), 6 and 5; B J and R Groce (Filmer Hill) bt B and I White (Hadley Wood/South Herts), 4 and 3.
Fifth round: G N and M Batt-Rawden bt R A and D Wood, at 19th; P J M and R Bathurst bt V F and M Davis, 2 and 1; J B C and W Atkinson bt P E and D Story and 2; B J and R Groce bt M J and R Hargreaves, 1 hole.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA Premier League

Sheffield United v Manchester City (7.0)
Tottenham v Norwich (12.0)
Wimbledon v Crystal Palace

Barclays League

Second division

Stockport v Rotherham

Third division

Colchester v Northampton (7.45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Newport low v Havant.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Durham v Ferryhill; Hebburn v Peterlee Newtown.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Torrington; Bristol Manor Farm v Poulton Rovers; Dawlish v Exmouth; Mangotsfield v Clevedon; Saltash v Liskeard, Tiverton v Elmore.
OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: First division: Old Finchleians v Old Beaulieus.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship

First division

Bradford v Halifax
Hull v Hull K R (3.15)
Leeds v Leigh
Wakefield v Castleford
Widnes v Warrington (3.0)
Wigan v St Helens (3.0)

Second division

Huddersfield v Bramley
Rochdale v Oldham (3.0)
Swinton v Carlisle (3.0)

Third division

Barrow v Highfield (2.30)
Keighley v Batley
Ryedale York v Hunslet (3.0)
Whitehaven v Workington (3.30)

OTHER SPORT

CANOEING: Devizes to Westminster race.
CYCLING: Southern Counties CU Track International (Herne Hill, 10). Women's international four-day race: (Eastway Circuit, Stratford, East London, 3.45).
HOCKEY: European Cup Winners' Cup: Men and women (Birmingham University, 10.0).
MOTORCYCLING: World superbike championship (Brands Hatch).
HIROSHIMA: Pocari Sweat Open tournament: (Japanese unless stated): 65: K Hasegawa, Kyi Hla Han (Burma), 68: N Ikeuchi, 67: Chan Tze-ming (Tai), 68: H Miyase, A Teramoto, K Matsunaga, A Fujimoto, British: 75: P Hoad.

SNOOKER

PLYMOUTH: Sky Sports Open: Fifth round: S Davis (Eng) bt S Francisco (SA), 5-3; D Harold (Eng) bt B Snaddon (Sco), 5-2, 7 Jones (Eng) bt S James (Eng), 5-3, A McManus (Sco) bt D Henry (Sco), 5-2.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Bridgend 29, Cardiff 17.
CLUB MATCH: Rugby 48, Nuneaton 0.

SQUASH

TOURS: French Open, first round: A Hill (Aus) bt G Wilson (NZ), 14-17, 15-9, 15-14, 15-12; S Prenz (Ger) bt G Waite (Can), 15-12, 15-10, 15-8; R Martin (Aus) bt J Power (Can), 15-10, 15-10, 15-10; D Ryan (Ire) bt Z Jehan Khan (Pak), 15-8, 15-13, 15-6; D Harris (Eng) bt L But (Hol), 15-7, 15-11, 15-9; C Leach (Eng) bt M Carlton (Aus), 15-10, 13-15, 15-12, 15-13. Second round: H Wiens (Ger) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 15-13, 11-15, 15-7, 15-11; R Norman (NZ) bt S Meeds (Eng), 15-7, 15-6, 15-5; R Eyles (Aus) bt D Ryan (Ire), 15-5, 15-10, 15-11.

TENNIS

AMELIA ISLAND, Florida: Women's tournament, second round: (US unless stated): S Hack (Ger) bt K Kschwandt (Switz), 4-1, ret; P Tarabini (Arg) bt J Wiltanen, 6-2, 6-2; K Rinaldi bt C Singer (Ger), 6-0, 6-2; I Gorrochategui (Arg) bt F Labat (Arg), 7-6, 2-6, 6-1; J Capriati bt T Ignatieva (Russ), 6-1, 6-0; A Gaveldon (Mex) bt G Helgeson, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; P Langrova (Cz Rep) bt V Martinek (Ger) 7-6, 6-1. Third round: A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt L Davenport, 6-2, 6-4; S Stafford bt Lori McNeil, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.
BARCELONA: Spanish Open: Second round: (Spanish unless stated): A Agassi (US) bt A Corretja, 6-2, 6-3; K Novacek (Cz Rep) bt J Syamsori (Swe), 6-4, 5-7, 6-2; B Krajicek (Hol) bt G Prpic (Cro), 6-4, 6-4; F Dewulf (Bel) bt M Aurelio Gorriz, 6-4, 6-2; M Stich (Ger) bt G Markus (Arg), 7-6, 3-6, 7-6.

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WORD-WATCHING

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LOCOUM

(c) Also *locum, lokoum,* and *lokoumi.* Turkish delight, from the Turkish *lokum*: "In Istanbul go for Turkish delight, a quite different confection from what passes as Turkish delight in Britain. You ask for *locoum.*"

TETROMINO

(a) Any of the five distinct planar shapes that can be formed by joining four identical squares by their edges, from the Greek *tetra-* four + *(d)omino* by deliberately false analogy: "The checker board cannot be covered with 15 L-tetrominoes and one square tetromino."

EPIRRHEMA

(a) In the Attic Old Comedy, a speech addressed by the Coryphaeus to the audience after the Parabasis, from the Greek *epi* upon, after + *rhema* a word: "Zielinski's theory of the original epirrhematic composition of a comedy as compared with the episodic composition of a tragedy."

RAMBLAGE

(b) In Manx law, the right to ramble over land in addition to passing over it, chiefly in the phrase *right of ramblage,* from *ramble* + *-age*: "The public will not only be able to claim right of way but also right of ramblage over the whole of the headlands down to the shores."

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Oundjian to lay foundations for British skating revival



Oundjian: rescue mission

Michael Coleman on the return of a former champion intent on improving the profile of a sport slipping slowly out of the limelight

LAST week, the return of Torvill and Dean captured the headlines. This week, the return of another former British champion, Haig Oundjian, to become chief executive of British skating in all its aspects, has been overlooked, despite its greater long-term significance.

Oundjian, 43, has suspended a thriving carpet wholesale business in Canada to return to London on a rescue mission. "I want to put British skating back at the top, where it was when I was competing," he said. "Those wonderful years of Diane Towler and Bernard Ford, Courtney Jones, John Currie, Robin Cousins, Sally Stapleford, and so many others, must return."

An immediate objective will be to exploit the Olympic quest of Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean. Oundjian's business acumen will recognise that their appearance in the national championships in November will be an Olympic rehearsal. The event must not be confined to dancers, as is proposed.

Unlike the rest of the skating world, Nisa, the British governing body, has two sections, dance and figures, which curiously keep apart. With dancing on the decline — only five couples contested the national senior title last year — a joint championships would benefit both.

A second target would be to encourage sports clubs to attach ice pads to their premises. This is customary in Canada, where there are 176,000 registered members in 1,440 active clubs.

Oundjian has dual nationality and Armenian roots. His grandparents fled to Britain in 1915, but after the second world war his parents, with two-year-old Haig in tow, emigrated to Canada. "We all came back in 1962, but by that time I had been drawn to skating after seeing Donald Jackson, the world champion, training at the Toronto cricket club," Oundjian said.

An impetuous 12-year-old, Oundjian felt that if Jackson could jump like that, so could he. "I fell on my head at the start, but Jackson's coach, Osborne Colson, found my parents and advised them to persevere," he said.

Back in London, Oundjian joined the Streatham figures club and the motivation from seeing Jackson bore fruit. In his list of former British greats, Oundjian modestly omitted his own successes. He became British champion in 1968, 1969 and 1971, winning the European bronze medal at Zurich in 1971, and was always among the world top ten. Many feel that his rivalry with Currie drove the latter to the world and Olympic titles in 1976.

Oundjian bore the hallmarks of a world champion himself. He was the second to accomplish the triple lutz jump; the first had been Jackson. At Zurich in 1971, he won the free skating section, ahead of Ondrej Nepela, the three-time world champion, and three others destined for that title, Jan Hoffmann, Currie and Sergei Volkov.

A year later, however, he slipped on an icy pavement while at the world championships in Calgary, aggravating an old ankle injury. He withdrew, and that injury, plus business pressure from his family, persuaded him to stop competing.

He is giving himself a two-year trial run in his Sports Council appointed office before deciding how much further to take it. The period will cover two world championships: for short track, at Guildford next March, and for figures and dance, at Birmingham in 1995. "Though we have these two events to sell, we've got to be expansion-conscious now and look for sponsors," he said.

Good trainers must be found, the disintegrating former Soviet Union being a great reservoir. "With the right trainers here, our own talent will no longer need to export itself as Currie, Cousins and Torvill and Dean did in the past," Oundjian said. "Home-based rivalry and teaching is essential."

Skelton strikes opening blow for Britain

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

NICK Skelton made an auspicious start to the Volvo World Cup meeting here yesterday when he and Everest Major Wager won a controversial opening warm-up class after two faultless rounds.

Following his win, Skelton was one of several riders who criticised the severity of Roland Nilsson's opening course. "It's ridiculous to build such a big track for the first round," he said. "There were too many falls and refusals. The combination was too long and too wide."

Three riders fell at the combination, the fourth fence, including Katie Monahan Prudent, of the United States, who was taken to hospital but later discharged. Ludger Beerbaum, the German Olympic gold-medal winner, was eliminated when his horse, Almox Rush On, refused to have anything to do with the fence.

George Sanna, of Australia, had a fall at fence three in the jump-off and left the ring leading his horse, Isaiah, who had injured a foreleg.

Michael Whitaker, who had a deliberately slow, but clear, round with Everest Midnight Madness, thought part of the trouble was having such a big combination so early on in the course.

"You hadn't got time to warm-up," he said. But he was delighted with the performance of Midnight Madness. He started riding the Dutch-bred gelding, owned by Sir Philip Harris, last May and has already won more than £100,000 with him.

His second place in the Paris qualifier two weeks ago has left Whitaker quietly optimistic about his chances this weekend.

John Whitaker and Everest Milton, the favourites, did little to justify that status when they incurred four faults at each of the last two fences. But Whitaker was unperturbed. "He's fine. It does him good to hit them occasionally. It makes him more careful," he said.

Whitaker, who will probably ride Grannusch in the first leg of the competition today in order to save the 16-year-old Milton for the last two rounds, is following a well-rehearsed routine.

Two years ago, in the same arena, he and Milton incurred several faults in the warm-up class before going on to win their second World Cup.

Claudia Itajahy Camarao, of Brazil, on Romantik, who was second to Skelton, was more than five seconds slower.

RESULT: Warm-up class: 1, Everest Major Wager (N Skelton, GB), 0 faults, 37.57sec; 2, Romantik (C Itajahy Camarao, Br), 0, 43.01; 3, Nistris (L Niebsrg, Ger), 1 in 50.59.

Roberts eyes Guineas success with Barathea

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

MICHAEL Roberts can hardly wait for the Newmarket Craven meeting to begin next week. The champion jockey partnered Barathea, a leading 2,000 Guineas candidate, in a gallop for the first time on Wednesday, and the son of Sadler's Wells left Roberts enthusing over his quality.

"I thought he was very, very impressive and I look forward to riding him in the Craven Stakes on Thursday," Roberts says. "I think he has a live shot at the Guineas."

Barathea, trained at Newmarket by Luca Cumani, showed great promise in winning his two starts last season, and Roberts expects him to lead the home defence against Zafonic.

Although Zafonic's unexpected defeat in France on Wednesday has caused him to weaken in the ante-post betting, Roberts takes a different view to the bookmakers. He does not believe that the reverse has necessarily altered the odds against a French-trained victory.

Roberts speaks from experience: two years ago he guided Mystiko to the winner's enclosure in the demanding mile test.

Barathea offers Roberts the opportunity of the perfect start to his new job as retained jockey to Shaikh Mohammed. The sheer scale of the Shaikh's army of equine talent, of which Barathea is but a small part, never ceases to astonish Roberts.

The green baize of gallops at racing's headquarters has been on the firm side in recent weeks. Although some horses have been checked in their work, Roberts has developed a liking for others besides Barathea.

Those with ability and soon to make their debut include the stayer, Pembroke, and two of Henry Cecil's team, Helvellyn and Mecklenburg. These are days, though, and Roberts is quick to stress how swiftly the picture might change when the pace of the workouts is quickened.

But it is not the horses that confuse him: he makes notes on those. "It's the number of different trainers that I find staggering," he says. The Shaikh's racing company, Darley Stud Management, employs more than 20 trainers in Newmarket alone.

He is well aware of what lies ahead. His most important British victories have been gained aboard the Shaikh's outstanding mare, Indian Skimmer, and his brother Ahmed's Mtoto, on whom he took Ascot by storm when landing the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes in 1988.

The high-profile position is fitting reward for a man prepared to forsake his considerable home comforts — he was 11 times champion jockey in South Africa — in search of a place on the highest stage. British racing is the most competitive in the world, yet Roberts bestrides it today as champion jockey, last year's score of 206 winners making him only the fifth to pass the double century in a season. The fresh challenge is to win the Derby and carry the Shaikh's colours to success in the world's great races.

Roberts knows he will be working a seven-day week. Endless travelling will keep him from his wife and two daughters, yet he cannot entertain the thought of missing winners for taking the day off. His younger daughter Carolyn, 13, has been in school here for seven years and Roberts is to become a British citizen.

His family has adapted to British life but his riding style remains the same. "My way is effective. We are not in a beauty parade, we've just got to get our number up, that's all," he says. The similarities of racetracks in South Africa and Britain has spared Roberts the adjustments required of the American, Steve Cauthen, and those which will have to be made by the Australian, Mick Dittman, for his imminent visit.

He is also fortunate that he has few problems maintaining a low riding weight. Fasting is rare, but he is adamant he would turn his back on race riding if he was forced to waste like some of his weighing room colleagues.

Roberts's energy is focused on the events of next week and beyond. "I'm convinced the Shaikh will come up with some big horses in the next two years," he predicts. Should that happen, Roberts will find himself in the right place at the right time, although he adds with a chuckle: "Ninety per cent of it may be the horse, but don't forget the man on top also has to do the right thing."



Hot seat: Michael Roberts holds the reins of Shaikh Mohammed's empire

CHAMPION'S CHOICE OF FINE TO FOLLOW

AS RETAINED jockey to Shaikh Mohammed, the world's largest owner, Michael Roberts has the pick of Europe's finest thoroughbreds. Here he selects five horses he believes will play a leading role in this season's big races.

Barathea

Trainer: Luca Cumani

Three-year-old colt by Sadler's Wells out of Brocade. Unbeaten in two starts last season, both over seven furlongs at Newmarket, on second occasion leading close home to win the Houghton Stakes by a neck from the useful Storm Canyon. Should show further improvement over a mile.

Criquette

Trainer: Luca Cumani

Three-year-old filly by Shirley Heights out of Ghislaine. Length runner-up to Thawakib on debut at Ascot last September. Won listed race at Newbury by five lengths from Bright Spells on only other run.

Stella Mystika

Trainer: Luca Cumani

Three-year-old filly by Diesis out of Share The Fantasy. A half-sister to the useful miler Wesaam, she ran green on her only start to date, staying on strongly to finish second in a 24-runner Newmarket maiden last October.

Taos

Trainer: John Gosden

Three-year-old colt by Sadler's Wells out of Tenea. Showed progressive form last season, winning a maiden at Doncaster, minor event at Haydock and listed race at Ascot. Should hold his own in group company.

Wolfhound

Trainer: John Gosden

Four-year-old colt by Nureyev out of Lassie Dear. Improved in the second half of last season, winning the group three Diadem Stakes at Ascot and the group one Prix de la Foret at Longchamp. At his best with cut in the ground.

National rerun schemes dashed

THE Jockey Club yesterday extinguished any lingering hopes that the 1993 Grand National might be rerun. Its race planning committee, with British Horseracing Board support, backed Aintree's decision not to stage another race.

The Jockey Club concluded that another National this year would be second rate. "The Grand National, like many other great sporting occasions, is a national event, which takes place annually at a particular time of year after an extended build-up," a statement said.

"To restage the race outside its traditional time would devalue it, and there is strong evidence that fears that a rerun would be a pale reflection of the real thing are well founded."

The trainers of leading Grand National runners said a race later in April would clash with the Scottish Grand National and the Whitbread Gold Cup. It would be too late in the season if staged in May.

Running a National in November was dismissed because the field would probably be small and ill-prepared and would discredit the race.

☐ There was a false start to the Calder Handicap at Hamilton yesterday but the recall flag man — freshly equipped with a white coat — stood his ground in the middle of the track.

Brittain considers Sayyedati switch

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

SAYYEDATI, the 1,000 Guineas favourite, will be rerouted to the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newmarket on Tuesday if the rain forecast for the Newbury area materialises this weekend. Trainer Clive Brittain had Newbury's Fred Darling Stakes, three days later, on the filly's agenda, but is loath to run her on soft ground.

A dual group one winner last season, Sayyedati heads the 15-strong entry for the Newmarket fillies' trial, the first test of the season for classic aspirants. Brittain also has his Dewhurst Stakes fourth, Sueboog, in the group three contest over seven furlongs. Unlike Sayyedati, Sueboog relishes some ease in the ground, and will almost certainly reappear in whichever race her stable companion misses.

Good ground is expected at Newmarket, but the going in the Newbury straight yesterday was described as good to soft by clerk of the course Richard Pridham.

Brittain said: "I want to run Sayyedati on good ground, and at the moment it is super good at Newmarket. I would prefer to give her the easier introduction at Newbury, where she will have no penalty, but I think the going is on the soft side. Joe Mercer will walk the course on Sunday before we make a decision."

Another entry with a preference for Newbury is Lyric Fantasy. However, champion trainer Richard Hannon is more likely to rely on Niche, who carries colours of Lyric Fantasy's former owner, Lord Carnarvon. "She is fine and worked this morning," Lord Carnarvon said yesterday. "We are hopeful she will stay."

Lester Piggott takes the ride in what is the first pattern race of the British Flat season.

Another definite runner at Newmarket is Nashwan's half-sister, Bashayer, trained by Dick Hern. The filly won her only start on the same course in October, and was cut two points for the classic, to 8-1, by Ladbrokes yesterday. The same firm have Sayyedati at 2-1, with Wednesday's hampered Maisons-Laffitte second, Elizabeth Bay, next best at 5-1.

Angus Gold, racing manager to the filly's owner, Shaikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, said yesterday: "This is a big step up in class for her and we don't quite know if she'll have the speed for it. We're not sure what her best distance might be, or even if she'll prove good enough to race in the highest class. The race will tell us more than 15 home gallops ever would."

Shaikh Hamdan also has Ajfan in the race, but trainer Tom Jones may elect to run the filly at Kempton tomorrow.

Luca Cumani has made entries for Queen's View and the promising maiden Stella Mystika, a daughter of Diesis, while Henry Cecil's sole representative is Magique Rond Point. Marina Park, trained in the north by Mark Johnston, galloped at Pontefract on Tuesday and will have a final workout at Middleham tomorrow before travelling south for her first run of the season.



Hern: Newmarket aim

Newmarket entries

NELL GWYN STAKES (Group III: £19,220: 7f): Ajfan, Bashayer, Exclusively Yours, Hézy Kay, Lync Fantasy, Magique Rond Point, Marina Park, Niche, Queen's View, Ribbonwood, Sayyedati, Stella Mystika, Sueboog, Toocando, Zarani Sidi Anna.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Brighton

Going: good

2.00 (7f 214yd) 1, Molly Splash (S James, 10-1); 2, Taunting (16-1); 3, Precious Wonder (5-2 fav). 10 ran. Hd, 3½l. C Cyzer. Tote: £16.00; £2.80, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £117.60. CSF: £129.89. Tricast: £470.68.

2.30 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, River North (K Darley, 9-4); 2, Conspicuous (9-1); 3, Kinema Red (10-11 fav). 10 ran. NR: Hallam Tam. ½l, nk. Lady Harries. Tote: £3.80; £1.10, £2.40. £1.20. DF: £19.40. CSF: £21.56.

3.00 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Day Of History (D Biggs, 11-2); 2, State Of Affairs (13-2); 3, Prince Hannibal (12-1). Atlantic Way 7-2 fav. 11 ran. Hd, 2l. C Cyzer. Tote: £7.30; £2.40, £2.90, £2.40. DF: £26.10. CSF: £37.98. Tricast: £375.26.

3.30 (7f 214yd) 1, Alyaldh (R Hills, 4-5 fav); 2, Patsy Grimes (K Darley, 16-1); 3, Swift Spring (T Quinn, 5-1). 7 ran. ¾l, sh hd. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £1.80; £1.60, £3.50. DF: £9.90. CSF: £13.40.

4.00 (6f 209yd) 1, Abbey's Gal (R Cochrane, 100-30; Richard Evans's nap); 2, Final Frontier (15-8 fav); 3, Lakab (6-1). 5 ran. 2l, 3½l. J Balding. Tote: £2.90; £1.70, £1.60. DF: £3.60. CSF: £9.15. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.30 (5f 59yd) 1, Sweet Whisper (K Darley, 4-1); 2, Petrathane (20-1); 3, Southdown Girl (20-1). Risky Affair 6-4 fav. 7 ran. Nk, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £4.50; £4.40, £6.20. DF: £85.50. CSF: £56.88.

5.00 (5f 59yd) 1, Tutu Skyjetx (T Quinn, 7-2); 2, Madame Gregoire (5-4 fav); 3, Indian Dreamer (6-4). 9 ran. 2½l, 2½l. R Boss. Tote: £2.50. DF: £2.40. CSF: £7.16. Placepot: £226.00.

Leicester

Going: good

2.20 (5f 2yd) 1, Thatcherella (D Holland, 6-1); 2, Mr Rough (10-1); 3, Gigue (25-1). Gaelic Star 7-2 fav. 13 ran. ¾l, ½l. J Akehurst. Tote: £8.10; £2.70, £4.50, £7.10. DF (1st or 2nd with any other): £2.50. CSF: £66.67.

2.50 (5f 218yd) 1, Champagne Grandy (J Williams, 15-2); 2, Kildea Lad (10-1); 3, Magication (9-1). Caliser 7-2 fav. 11 ran. sh, 2½l. M Channon. Tote: £7.20; £1.70, £3.50, £1.80. DF: £24.20. CSF: £74.23. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.20 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, Superstop (W R Swinburn, 12-1); 2, Allsmeens (16-1); 3, Saint Cati (16-1); 4, In The Money (20-1). Albert 7-2 fav. 19 ran. 3½l, nk. P Harris. Tote: £17.40; £3.20, £3.20, £1.30, £4.80. DF: £115.90. CSF: £185.23. Tricast: £2,823.10.

3.50 (1m 3f 183yd) 1, Acanthus (B Raymond, 16-1); 2, Kassab (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Hostile Witness (4-1). October Brew 9-4 jt-fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 2½l. J Dunlop. Tote: £41.20; £8.70, £1.60. DF: £21.20. CSF: £47.43.

4.20 (1m 8yd) 1, Sweet Mignonette (F Norton, 9-2); 2, Mummys Rocket (14-1); 3, Silky Siren (2-1 fav). 12 ran. 2l, sh hd. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £50.10. CSF: £64.40. Tricast: £153.99.

4.50 (1m 8yd) 1, Soviet Line (P D'Arcy, 25-1); 2, El Gaher (4-1); 3, Oamoos (25-1). Map Of Stars 2-1 fav. 18 ran. ½l, 1l. M Stoute. Tote: £96.10; £17.50, £2.80, £11.30. DF: £138.40. CSF: £136.71.

5.20 (5f 2yd) 1, Magic Orb (A Mackay, 11-1); 2, Laurel Delight (100-30 fav); 3, Hotaria (10-1). 11 ran. 1¾l, 1½l. J Spearing. Tote: £21.50; £4.10, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £30.20. CSF: £45.73. Tricast: £354.57.

Placepot: not won (pool of £3,007.87 carried forward to Uttoxeter tomorrow).

Hamilton Park

Going: soft, heavy in places

2.10 (1m 65yd) 1, The Premier Express (G Duffield, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Cardinal Dogwood (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Vilamar (7-1). 6 ran. 3½l, sh. W Bentley. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £7.20. CSF: £11.18.

2.40 (1m 65yd) 1, Stoproverijste (N Connorton, 3-1 fav); 2, Boracay (14-1); 3, Tanoda (5-1). 11 ran. NR: Shannon Express. 2½l, 3l. S Norton. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £4.40, £3.40. DF: £12.90. CSF: £41.31. Tricast: £185.20.

3.10 (5f 4yd) 1, Dundeelin (J Lowe, 15-2); 2, Lying Eyes (3-1); 3, Batlen's River (5-2). Mad About Men 5-4 fav. 5 ran. Sh hd, ¾l. B Ellison. Tote: £12.60; £2.30, £2.10. DF: £11.00. CSF: £27.83. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.40 (5f 4yd) 1, Two Moves In Front (G Carter, 9-2); 2, Wintering (6-4 fav); 3, Ashgore (9-2). 6 ran. 7l, 7l. J Berry. Tote: £3.40; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £3.70. CSF: £11.00.

4.10 (5f 4yd) 1, High Romance (Darren Moffatt, 3-1); 2, Killy's Filly (3-1); 3, Dayjuz (7-4 fav). 5 ran. 1l, 1½l. D Moffatt. Tote: £3.70; £2.20, £2.10. DF: £3.50. CSF: £10.46.

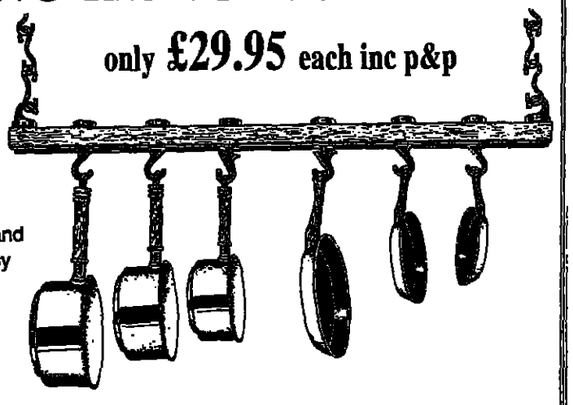
4.40 (1m 3f 16yd) 1, Bay Queen (M Hills, 5-4 fav); 2, Dances With Gold (6-1); 3, A Badge Too Far (7-2). 5 ran. 2½l, 8l. M Bell. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.90. DF: £3.00. CSF: £8.04.

5.10 (1m 5f 9yd) 1, Philgun (S Maloney, 9-1); 2, Hot Star (5-1); 3, Persuasive (12-1). Loch Garanne 2-1 fav. 11 ran. 1l, 2½l. C W C Elsey. Tote: £10.60, £2.80, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £12.60. CSF: £51.28. Tricast: £502.57. Placepot: £94.60.

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Where family fortunes involve togetherness

At 9.37 on Wednesday morning, a retired police inspector and his British Telecom sales manager son teed off in their match against an ex-Walker Cup stockbroker and his boy, who is up at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford ... the winners to go into the quarter-finals of the Father and Son foursomes golf tournament.

I could have gone to Augusta, Georgia, where the Masters is taking place — but I wanted somewhere closer to home, less frenetic, with more maturity. West Hill golf club is at Brookwood, Surrey; it has hosted the Father and Son since 1928.

At Augusta, when the players are on the tee, smartly-dressed officials hold up notices demanding silence from the gallery.

At West Hill, the ongoing roar of the Waterloo to Basingstoke trains, punctuated by the steady drone of Bagshot to Guildford road traffic, is all that you hear apart from the chaffinches' songs. No notices. No applause. No gallery but for me, though after the 10th hole we were joined by the stockbroker's wife and two friends.

West Hill is the epitome of Home Counties golf clubs: successful, self-sufficient, orderly — not fertile ground for Liberal canvassers. The secretary sits fat-cat-like at his desk behind a door marked "Secretary": a Highland Scot, ex-mariner, now comprehensively Anglicised, he asks how he can help.

A dram would have been a help. As a dram is not forthcoming, I ask him to tell me how things are.

Things are good. West Hill has a five-year waiting-list for members. "Only we don't call it a waiting list; we decide who — on our register of candidates — is the sort of person we would like to have playing here."

The Father and Son tournament is the jewel in the crown: "One hundred per



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cent over-subscribed and we prefer to have old-timers with occasional new blood; 128 couples, aggregate handicap, must be under 30, and there is no seeding."

I ask about the prize. It is a tantalus for each of the winning pair — three cut-glass decanters in a mahogany case "and the winners are, if we take to them, elected honorary members, which is a bigger prize than the tantalus." Membership costs £1,200 entry, then £600 a year.

A breakfast menu is pinned on the notice board. "Hard boiled eggs 20p" tops list. I meet the two Valeries — women of a certain age — who are the organisers.

They sit beside the board containing the list of contestants, names, initials of father and son; tee-off times are neatly printed and winners are inscribed in a tidy fist.

I ask whom I might gainfully watch — like who is favourite? There is no favourite.

The ex-Walker Cup stockbroker and son's aggregate handicap is 12, lower than that of police inspector and offspring, who therefore receive three-eighths of the difference in strokes: one at each of the 3rd, 6th, 8th, 11th and 16th holes.

Stockbroker is the star, but his putting has gone: possibly the yips, certainly he misses everything from under three feet and has this irritating habit of grabbing the ball as it is about to pass the hole and putting it again — missing again.

Police inspector putts handsomely, slowly, carefully examining the green like a man looking for clues. He is 63 — lean, unstylish, effective. His son is absolutely sound.

Stockbroker's son is the most talented player of the four: good temperament, though a propensity to snatch up the bag in anger, when red-blooded golfers might say "damn" or "bum".

By the turn, the pairs were even — policeman having been two up and blown it: at the 8th, he found the bunker with his tee-shot, and told his son to "just get it out".

Son knew best and hit it hard into the lip; father forgot the advice he had given and did the same. They conceded, then lost the 9th.

One warmed to the policeman and his lad, who responded to every good shot of their opponents with cries of "beautifully judged" and "well struck indeed": they themselves played solid, unostentatious, effective golf, and went one up at the 11th.

All four eschewed the chance of tea and cake at the refreshment hut at the 12th green (not me). But the inspector and his son hung on to this narrow lead until the end, although their run of success was to end yesterday in the semi-finals.

Hands were shaken and outside the clubhouse, I spoke to a man who had won in 1949 when, aged 14, he played with his father; since then, he has competed four times with four different sons, without success.

What was it like winning?

He said he still hasn't stopped shaking.

There was lunch. I heard about its availability but I expect, as with membership, your face has to fit before they ask you in.

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Reverse for Courier can benefit Sampras

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

JIM Courier, the world No. 1 and defending champion, was knocked out of the Japanese Open in the third round yesterday by a fellow-American, Jonathan Stark, an unseeded player.

Pete Sampras survived to fight another day at the Ariake Coliseum and the way is open for him to take over the No. 1 ranking for the first time by winning today's quarter-final match against the tenth-seed, David Wheaton.

The defeat of Courier was the second big upset of the tournament to date. Michael Chang having gone down in three sets to Todd Woodbridge, of Australia, on Wednesday.

Courier, the reigning French and Australian Open champion, playing only his second match since losing to Amos Mansdorf, of Israel, in the semi-finals of last week's Osaka Salem Open, was swept aside 6-4, 6-2 by an opponent with nothing to lose.

Stark, ranked 77th in the world, got his powerful service working to such good effect that he fired in 11 aces compared to Courier's two. But it was his ability to return the heavy serves of his illustrious opponent that ultimately proved the decisive weapon.

The victory was doubly sweet for Stark for he had had a match point against Courier in last month's Indian Wells tournament. But he missed his chance there, leaving Courier to go on to take the title.

"It's been really satisfying to me to come back after losing that one, following such a close struggle, and win as well as I did." Stark said. The match was not without controversy. In the second set, with Courier serving at 2-3 down, a return by Stark was clearly long, but the umpire, Michael Rice, declined to overrule the line judge and Courier went on to lose his service.

In the following game, the top seed was given a warning for audible obscenities, when Stark's serve was called long by the line-judge only to be overruled by the umpire.

From then on, the baseball-capped Floridian seemed to accept that the fates were against him and showed little belief in his ability to take the match into a third set.

Asked afterwards whether this second call had prompted his downfall, Courier said: "I was already losing the match anyway, it just killed my spirit even more. I didn't care after that point ... not that I was caring before. My heart and head are somewhere else. I don't know where they are, but they're not with me in Asia." So ended Courier's attempt to claim his fourth title of the year following his successes at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Memphis and Indian Wells. His performances in Japan have been uninspired, with two defeats coming in five days.

Asked for a reaction to the possibility of losing his top ranking to Sampras, Courier said: "I really don't care. I've got four grand slams and he has one.

"So if the computer decides that he is a better player than I am, so be it. I don't know how many titles I've got. That's all that counts as far as I'm concerned."

Sampras, seeded second, had to struggle through three sets and for over two hours to overcome a tough challenge by the Frenchman, Guillaume Raoux, the fifteenth seed.

Sampras was glad that his service was in good order for he could look back on 17 aces and 25 service winners to Raoux's nine in a match which he won 6-4, 6-7, 6-3 after losing the second-set tie-break by 7-4.

"It was a match where I definitely had to play well to win," Sampras said. "Obviously, I would have liked to have beaten him in two sets, but it feels good to get this match under my belt." Sampras, who was helped by an abundance of netted volleys from the bespectacled Frenchman, said: "I was very surprised he [Courier] lost today. But I'm not playing here thinking about my ranking and the money I'm probably making. I just go out there and try to win every match."

Aleksandr Volkov, of Russia, was beaten by the unseeded Australian, Neil Borwick, in a desperately close match in which tie-breaks were needed to settle the first and third sets, while Woodbridge, following his second-round victory over the third-seeded Chang, swept aside the thirteenth seed, Christian Bergstrom, of Sweden, by 3-6, 7-6, 6-3.

Wheaton had little trouble in getting past Mansdorf, cruising through by 6-1, 6-2, while there were also wins for Wally Masur, of Australia, and another American, Brad Gilbert.

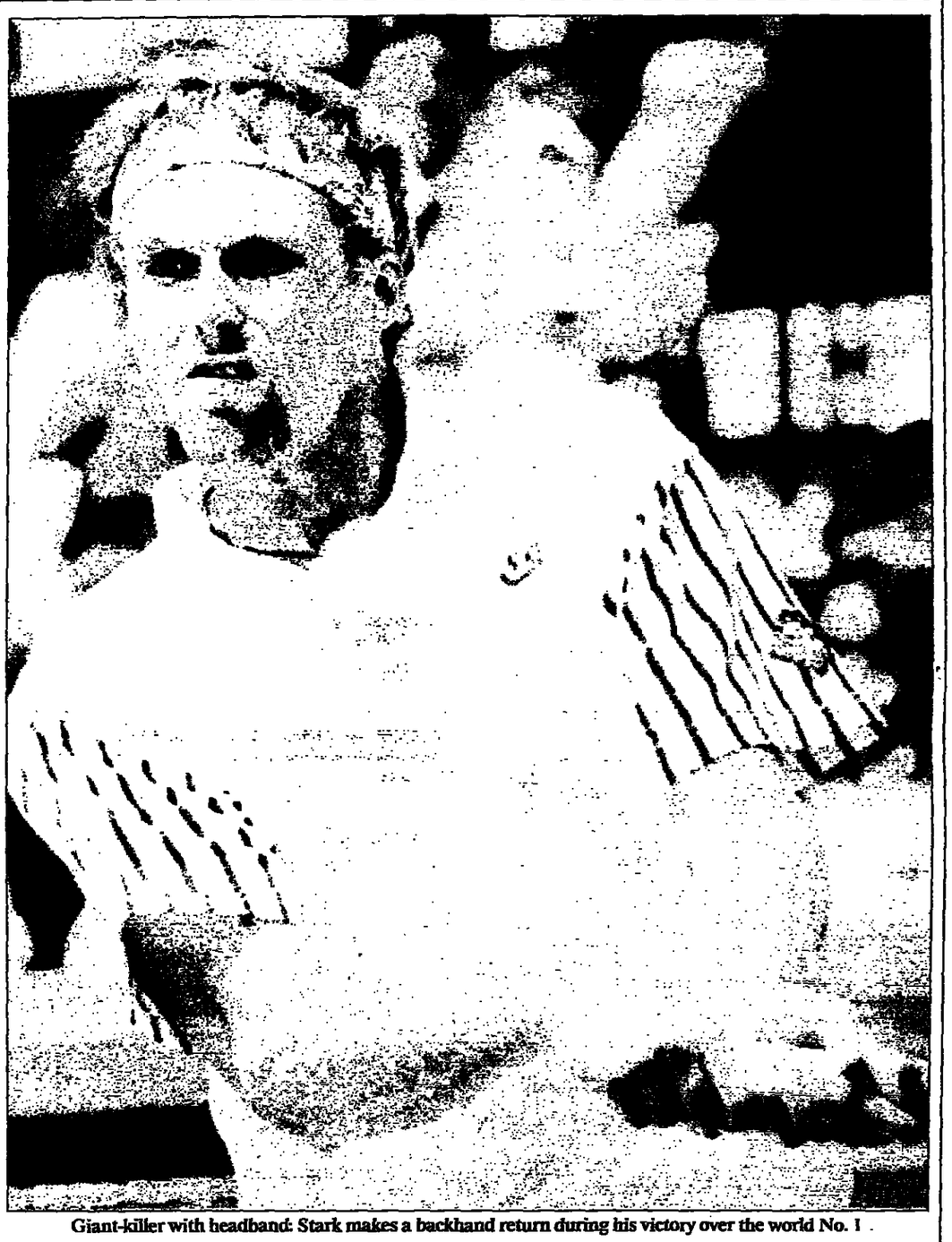
The defending champion, Kimiko Date, kept home hopes alive in the women's singles, with a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win over Miriam Oremans, of Holland, in the quarter-final while another Japanese players, Mana Endo, did well to bring down the fifth seed, Patty Fendick, by 6-4, 7-5.

RESULTS: Men: Singles: Third round: J Stark (US) bt J Courier (US), 6-4, 6-2; N Borwick (Aus) bt A Volkov (Russ), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; P Sampras (US) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; D Wheaton (US) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 6-1, 6-2; T Woodbridge (Aus) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; W Masur (Aus) bt J Siemerink (Holl), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; H Holm (Swe) bt D Vacek (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; B Gilbert (US) bt D Flach (US), 6-7, 6-1, 6-4. Women: Singles: Quarter-finals: K Date (Japan) bt M Oremans (Holl), 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; N Provis (Aus), bt P Shriver (US), 6-3, 6-3; S Rottier (Holl), bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; M Endo (Japan) bt P Fendick (US), 6-4, 7-5

Sydney: Elizabeth Smylie, who will be 30 on Sunday, has been named a member of the Australia team to play in the Federation Cup, which this year is being played in Frankfurt in July.

Smylie, who has a two-year-old daughter, has fought her way back into selectorial favour to join members of last year's team — Nicole Provis, Rachel McQuillan and Rennae Stubbs — which went down to Spain in the semi-final.

The draw for the Federation Cup, which is held by Germany, has yet to be made but 12 countries will be competing in an event which will run from July 18 to 25.



Giant-killer with headband: Stark makes a backhand return during his victory over the world No. 1



Courier: out of touch

SPORT IN BRIEF

Hardcastle picks up where she left off

THE manner in which Sarah Hardcastle yesterday returned to long-course racing after almost seven years promises a summer of content for British swimming (Craig Lord writes). Showing the poise and control of one who has held court in a world-class field so many times before, she cruised comfortably into two finals in second place at the Edinburgh International.

As with riding a bike, it seems in swimming, too, you never forget. Hardcastle clocked 2min 06sec in the 200 metres freestyle and she also qualified as second fastest in the 400 metres medley in a little over five minutes. Hardcastle's short-term aim is to make the British team for the European championships at Sheffield in August. Her performances in yesterday's heats suggested she will do just that.

☐ Audrey Scott, secretary of the Channel Swimming Association for the last 21 years, died in Folkestone on Wednesday, aged 72. Michael Read, who holds the "King of the Channel" title with 31 successful crossings, described her yesterday as the association's "guiding light and inspiration".

Harold's run continues

SNOOKER: Dave Harold, who is enjoying a memorable season, yesterday reached the semi-finals of the Sky Sports International Open in Plymouth. Three weeks ago he captured the Asian Open title in Bangkok as a 500-1 outsider and yesterday he recorded his tenth successive victory when he beat Paul Davies, a fellow second-season professional, 5-4 after a match in which his nerve was tested.

Harold, 26, a former steel fitter, began the season at 93 in the world rankings and with virtually no experience at the highest level, but he beat Stephen Hendry, the world champion, on the way to winning in Thailand.

"If someone had told me a month ago what I was going to do I would probably have laughed," said Harold, who has earned £38,000 in three weeks compared with £4,250 from his entire rookie season.

German fast start

CYCLING: The opening of the new £450,000 velodrome at Herne Hill, South London, today should produce a crop of record times with the world's two leading sprinters, the professional champion, Michael Hubner, and the Olympic gold medal-winner, Jens Fiedler, racing in Britain for the first time. The Olympic pursuit champion, Chris Boardman, declined an invitation, preferring to lead his new team in the Girvan three-day race which starts in Scotland tomorrow. Hubner, 34, and Fiedler, eight years his junior, are both products of the former East German regime and are unlikely to find any serious opposition in the Champion of Champions Sprint.

Gregory sets out

SQUASH: The first of around 500 players from 32 nations embark on the preliminary rounds of the Hi-Tec British Open championships at Lambs Club in London today. Ahead of them lie seven rounds of preliminaries, qualifying and main draws, with seeded players introduced at each new level, just to reach the last 16 of the game's leading tournament. Then, the survivors will take to the transparent showcourt at Wembley from next Friday. Paul Gregory, the former British champion who won the Swedish Open earlier this week, starts today, as do Bryan Beeson, another former national champion, Gamal Awad and Magdi Saad, of Egypt, and Zarak Jahan, of Pakistan.

Hounslow hopeful

HOCKEY: Hounslow and Sutton Coldfield have high hopes of winning the European Cup Winners' Cup for men and women respectively at the four-day event starting today at Birmingham University. Last year, Hounslow finished runners-up to the Dutch club, HGC, while Sutton Coldfield won their competition. Although Hounslow ought to beat Dundee Wanderers, whom they play today in the first of their group games, and Royal Boudoin, from Belgium, they can expect strong opposition from Atlético Terrassa, of Spain, whose international strength includes the Escude brothers, Ignacio, Xavier and Jaime. Sutton Coldfield are expected to qualify for the women's final along with HGC.

Wharton's target

BOXING: Henry Wharton stopped Ray Domenge, of Omaha, in the third round of his World Boxing Council super-middleweight bout at Leeds on Wednesday night. Wharton was returning to the ring after an absence of seven months because of an operation on his right hand. As a leading world contender, he wants to be the one to take the title from Nigel Benn. "Benn is made for me," he said. "Now my hand's all right, I'll knock him out. He has to fight me by October. I only hope somebody doesn't beat him before me." Wharton's manager, Mickey Duff, is to ask the WBC in August to announce a date for purse offers and would like to stage the contest at Elland Road, Leeds.

Winners change tack

CANOEING: Six hundred competitors are expected to take part in today's Devizes to Westminster race, which is recognised as the toughest canoe race in the world. The 125-mile course follows the Kennet and Avon canal and then the River Thames, including 17 miles of tidal water and 71 portages — back-breaking hauls out of the water and then anything up to a three-quarter-mile run along the bank to clear the lock, weir or other obstruction. Competition for the coveted Challenge Cup will feature last year's winners, Andy Freeman, of Hereford, and Kevin Bowerbank, of Bradford on Avon, with new partners, respectively, Ian White and Paul Fielden.

Rangers reflect on their final prospects

BY RODDY FORSYTH

RANGERS may now be slight favourites to join AC Milan in the European Cup final in Munich on May 26, but in accepting that the odds have tipped towards his players, Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, yesterday admitted he was frustrated that qualification will depend partly on the efforts of another team. Rangers and Marseilles, level on points at the head of Group A of the European Champions' League, each have one remaining fixture.

On April 21, Rangers meet CSKA Moscow at Ibrox and Marseilles travel to Belgium to play FC Bruges. Rangers must beat the Russians and hope that Marseilles drop a point in Bruges, although it is also possible for Rangers to draw at home and proceed to the final providing the French champions lose in Belgium.

The complicated qualification equation was set up by Wednesday night's 1-1 draw in Marseilles, a performance built on Richard Gough's inspiration in defence and completed by Ian Durrant's magnificent equalising goal in the second half. Franck Sauzee had given the French champions the lead in the first half with a sweetly-timed drive, but their hopes of automatic passage to the final were dashed by Rangers' characteristic courage.

Yesterday, as Smith contemplated the implications of the draw, he said: "It would seem that Marseilles have a harder final game than we do, but I wouldn't like to say whether that makes us favourites. Being dependent on someone else takes the edge off the situation. It is frustrating that when we haven't lost a game in the tournament, we know we could win our last game and still go out."

It appears that in order to make the group format more exciting Uefa, intend to change the rules so that the top two teams in each section will meet in future in semi-finals. If such was the case now, Rangers would be preparing to meet AC Milan and Marseilles would have a date with IFK Gothenburg, but Smith was at pains to point out that Rangers have enjoyed not done badly from the existing arrangement.

"We have played Marseilles twice and, if the old rules of home and away ties were still in force, we would be out of the tournament on away goals because they scored twice at Ibrox," Smith added. "We have no complaints about the format and, in any case, we are still in with a good chance of making it to the final in Munich."

Another possibility is that both Rangers and Marseilles will lose their final games. In that case, Bruges would draw level with both clubs on points and might qualify for the final themselves. In the event of a tied group, the rules seek to divide the sides according to their record against each other in the first instance and according to goal difference subsequently.



Gough: inspiring

Palace take next step to safety at Selhurst Park

BY KEITH PIKE

THE Premier League championship field will be effectively reduced from three runners to two by lunchtime today if Norwich City fail to beat Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane, while some famous clubs remain in danger of being swallowed up at the back of the field.

In seven of the 11 seasons since the introduction of three points for a win, 43 points has been enough to finish outside the bottom three, but both Crystal Palace and Sheffield United, who are eighteenth and nineteenth respectively, can reach that mark later today with six matches to play. The six teams above the bottom five — including Liverpool, Everton and Leeds United — cannot yet discount the threat of relegation.

This afternoon, Palace pit their wits and shinguards against their tenants, Wimbledon, at Selhurst Park. They will have to do so without Chris Armstrong and Eric Young, who are both completing two-match suspensions but who will return for the vital match against Middlesbrough on Monday.

Sheffield United, buoyed by their midweek victory over Leeds, can improve their chances further still by defeating Manchester City at Bramall Lane this evening.

Norwich's hopes of chasing Aston Villa and Manchester United to the line will surely disappear unless they can overcome Tottenham. They have not scored against them in their last four meetings, but victory would put them back on top of the table for the ninth time.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Runs to resort	Weather	Temp °C	Last snow fall
FRANCE							
Argentiere	10	390	good	thin	cloud	8	7/4
(Excellent conditions above 1,900m. High risk of avalanche)							
Isola	100	140	spring	spring	sun	10	4/4
(33 pistes open with good spring skiing)							
Les Deux Alpes	10	220	good	closed	cloudy	6	7/4
(Only 35 per cent of area open due to adverse weather)							
Val Thorens	120	350	good	good	bright	8	7/4
(All lifts and pistes open. Great spring skiing)							
SPAIN							
Sol y Nieve	10	50	spring	thin	sun	10	30/3
(14 lifts, 11 pistes open. Best snow on upper slopes)							
SWITZERLAND							
Davos	50	240	new	thin	snow	2	8/4
(Great conditions above mid-station. All lifts open)							
Lenzerheide	50	140	new	new	snow	0	8/4
(Grooming in process. Most lifts scheduled to operate)							
Saas Fee	30	330	good	good	clear	-1	7/4
(More lifts and pistes opening after grooming)							
Verbier	0	360	good	closed	rain	7	4/4
(Only four of 39 lifts running due to strong winds at altitude)							
ITALY							
Cervinia	60	300	good	good	cloudy	4	7/4
(Great skiing at all levels. All lifts and runs open)							
Selva	10	60	spring	closed	sun	8	7/4
(51 of 82 lifts open. Sella Ronda open in both directions)							
Sestriere	70	150	good	spring	sun	8	6/4
(All lifts, pistes open with great conditions)							

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BBC1

7.00 Breakfast News (2762977)
7.10 The Woman Who Raised a Bear as her Son. (r) (6113977) **7.35 Timeless Tales.** (7423335)
8.00 News, regional news and weather (4825915)
8.10 *Postman Pat Special.* (r) (4382625)
8.35 Favourite Songs. "Sur le Pont d'Avignon" — a ghostly tale of a clockmaker and his grandson (2140286)
9.00 News, regional news and weather (8758809)
9.05 P. J. Funnybunny. (r) (7420083) **9.30 Why Don't You...?** Make a pop-up birthday card or chocolate cake (s) (7683967)
9.55 The Family Ness (r) (4917098) **10.05 Playdays.** (r) (s) (7347731) **10.30 Rugrats.** Animation (s) (85719)
11.00 Dreams among the Wreckage. Two-and-a-half million people live as refugees in the countries of former Yugoslavia. Sheena McDonald meets some of those who reach for hope (s) *(26118)*
12.00 Pebble Mill. Guests are Lynda La Plante, author of *Prime Suspect*, and actor Art Malik (s) (7870248)
12.55 Regional News and weather (37216354)
1.00 News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (93834828)
1.15 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (17727606)
1.40 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (s) (18985557)
2.10 Children of Courage and Achievement. Esther Rantzen and Gavin Campbell applaud some special youngsters highlighted in last autumn's *Children in Need* evening (r) (Ceefax) (6813511)
2.50 The Flintstones. Cartoon cavemen (4061731)
3.15 Film: Ice Station Zebra. (1968). Nail-biting Alistair MacLean thriller about an American submarine commander (Rock Hudson) making a perilous journey under the ice to retrieve a spy capsule before the Russians. Director John Sturges *(19307373)*
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (r) (469170)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (233083)
6.15 Regional News (874489)
6.20 The World of Peter Rabbit and Friends. Animation. (Ceefax) (950248)
6.45 Film: Big Foot and the Hendersons (1987). Likable tale of an American family on a camping trip who crash into a cuddly monster. Director William Dear (Ceefax) (66628644)

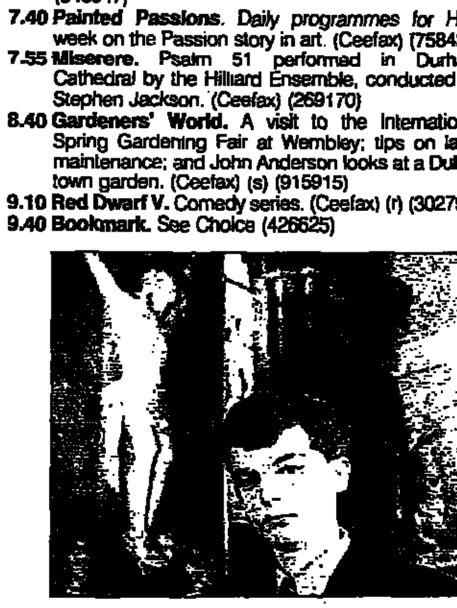


Pick of the pops: Sonia, Terry Wogan (8.30pm)

8.30 A Song For Europe. It is decision time for this year's Eurovision Song Contest entry. Sonia sings all eight songs and viewers decide on their favourite. (Ceefax) (s) (390809)
9.10 Nine O'Clock News *with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax)* Regional News and weather (215828)
9.30 The Riff Raff Element. The second part of a six-part drama series following the fortunes of two mismatched families. (Ceefax) (s) (145248)
10.20 More Specially Selected Canned Carrot. Jasper Carrott comedy sketches. (Ceefax) (r) (s) (657793)
11.00 A Song For Europe. *Results of the nation's phone-in.* (Ceefax) (s) (668199)
11.20 Beyond The Shadows. The sixth of seven short journeys for Holy Week. (Ceefax) (280460)
11.35 Film: Volunteers (1985). Tom Hanks and John Candy team up for a patchy comedy set among the American Peace Corps in 1962 Thailand. Director *Nicholas Meyer (634793)*
1.20 Weather (7533774). Ends at **1.25.**

BBC2

6.45 Open University: *Maths Methods (9625977)*
8.00 Breakfast News. (8227151)
8.15 Top Gear Take Two. Tony Mason attends a sports car trial (r) (5487083)
8.20 Women Of Our Century. The British abstract painter Paule Vezelay. (Ceefax) (r) (9744170)
9.00 Film: White Mane (1952, b/w). This touching story of a small boy and an untamed stallion in the plains of the Camargue won the top award at the International Film Festival for Children. Director Albert *Lamorisse (85737)*
9.30 Film: Way Out West (1937, b/w). One of the best Laurel and Hardy comedies, featuring their rendition of the song "Trail of the Lonesome Pine". Director James W. Horne (6391809)
10.35 Film: Quartet (1948, b/w). Somerset Maugham introduces four short films of his own stories, *The Facts of Life*, *The Alien Corn*, *The Kite* and *The Colonel's Lady*. The directors are Ralph Smart, Harold French, Arthur Crabtree and Ken Annakin (69794373)
12.30 The Smash Hits Pollwinners Party. The annual pop awards show (r) (s) (74248)
2.00 Postman Pat. (r) (42623199)
2.20 Hidden Worlds. The artistic embroidery of six women (r) (s) (28134267)
2.50 Pelléas et Mélisande. Debussy's symbolist music drama of love, jealousy and murder in the acclaimed new production by the Welsh National Opera. With Alison Hagley, soprano, and Neill Archer, tenor. English subtitles.(s) (85214644)
5.30 Top Gear. A *report on the new Rover 600 (r) (s)* (373) **6.00 Stingray.** (Ceefax) (r) (888557)
6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Spy spoof from the Sixties. (Ceefax) (r) (825064)
7.15 Doctor Who. The final part of the story *Revelation of the Daleks*, starring Colin Baker (r). (Ceefax) (548847)
7.40 Painted Passions. *Daily programmes for Holy week on the Passion story in art.* (Ceefax) (758422)
7.55 Miserere. Psalm 51 performed in Durham Cathedral by the Hilliard Ensemble, conducted by Stephen Jackson. (Ceefax) (269170)
8.40 Gardeners' World. A visit to the International Spring Gardening Fair at Wembley; tips on lawn maintenance; and John Anderson looks at a Dublin town garden. (Ceefax) (s) (915915)
9.10 Red Dwarf V. Comedy series. (Ceefax) (r) (302793)
9.40 Bookmark. See Choice (426625)

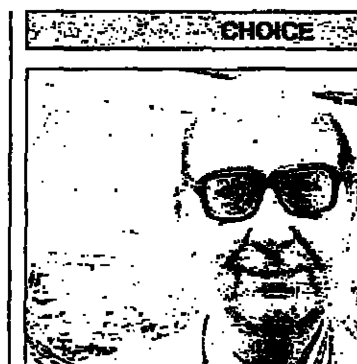


The meaning of Christ: Jason Hynes (10.30pm)

10.30 Figure on the Cross. See Choice (770267)
10.50 Golf: The US Masters. *Second round of the* tournament from Augusta, Georgia (554267)
11.45 Weather (953199)
11.50 Film: A Bee in the Rain. (1968, b/w). A vivid look at a deteriorating marriage from Portuguese writer-director Fernando Lopes (329538). Ends at **1.00am**

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CHOICE



Portrait of a poet: Philip Larkin (BBC2, 9.40pm)

Bookmark: Philip Larkin
BBC2, 9.40pm

After Terry Eagleton's demolition job on Channel 4 comes a more measured appraisal of Larkin, in two parts and directed by Alan Lewens. It may not end up rescuing Larkin's reputation but it goes for a rounded view and tries to explain rather than condemn. The portrait is built around interviews with Larkin's friends, the thoughts of his biographer, Andrew Motion, and archive material. Tonight's instalment takes the story to 1950 and sows many important seeds: the formidable father, the fear of women and the loathing for left-wing politics. John Betjeman's reading of "Churchgoing" makes the poem sound uncannily like one of Betjeman's own, until you get to the payoff. The concluding part is on BBC2 tomorrow.

The Gingerbread Girl
ITV, 8.30pm

Linda (Janet Dibley) is a single mother with an eight-*year-old daughter. With her former husband behind* on the maintenance, she is struggling to make ends meet. She tries for a job but there is not much going for someone who needs to start late, leave early and cover the school holidays. The next door neighbour is friendly, but mainly because he sees Linda as a sexual conquest. This, by the way, is a comedy. Alex Shearer, who wrote it, is noted for such amiable series as *The Two of Us* (Dibley and Nicholas Lyndhurst) and *No Job for a Lady* (Penelope Keith as a Labour MP). *The Gingerbread Girl* makes you wonder whether the same amiability is appropriate to more hard-edged material. It is a fascinating tension.

The Figure on the Cross
BBC2, 10.30pm

A short, thoughtful film for Good Friday charts the obsession of a 14-year-old, Freddie (Jason Hynes), for a wooden carving of Jesus in his local church. We are in Catholic Ireland in the fifties, though the period seems immaterial. Father Les (T.P. McKenna) suspects Freddie of vandalism and reckons a clip round the ear would be too good for him. The point of the anecdote is that even a naive teenager can show a greater appreciation of the meaning of Christ than the priest appointed to preach His message. The idea is explored with admirable economy and lack of proselytising. The source is a short story by Aiden Matthews and the director James Runcie, who made the delightful *Bookmark* film about Barbara Pym.

Brave New Worlds
Channel 4, 11.05pm

An intelligent survey of the science fiction genre opens with three challenging statements. For J.G. Ballard sci-fi is the true literature of the 20th century, showing us the present through an image of the future. Paul Verhoeven, director of *Robocop* and *Total Recall*, denies that his films have anything to do with the future. Arthur C. Clarke says: "I don't try to predict the future, I try to prevent it." The programme ranges from H.G. Wells to the pulp magazines of the twenties and the latest excursions by Hollywood. It treats the subject seriously but not solemnly and shows how the stories were often shaped by the times in which they were produced. *A season of sci-fi films opens tonight with Quatermass II.* **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. (7083557)
9.25 Jeopardy! (7426267)
9.55 Worship from Westminster Cathedral. A *traditional Roman Catholic service led by Cardinal* Basil Hume (s) (5333441)
10.50 Bugs Bunny. (9326422)
11.00 Film: The Four Feathers (1978). Disappointing made-for-television remake of the A.E.W. Mason story, starring Robert Powell, Beau Bridges and Simon Ward. In turn-of-the-century North Africa, Lt *Harry Faversham is accused of cowardice and sets* out to clear his name. Directed by Don Sharp. (48064)
1.00 News (Teletext) and weather. (93829996)
1.15 Home And Away. Australian family drama. Sophie cracks up when her boss continues to sexually harass her. (Teletext) (848267)
1.45 Stuntmasters. Includes the world record bungee jump and Brian Carson jumping a Mercedes-Benz nearly 300 feet over four exploding trailers (1323731)
2.40 Film: Funny Lady (1975). Barbra Streisand stars as Fanny Brice in a passable musical sequel to *Funny Girl*. Down on her luck in the Depression, Fanny meets songwriter Billy Rose. With James Caan and Omar Sharif and Roddy McDowall. Directed by Herbert Ross (33484660)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (9347606)
5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (733646)
6.00 London Tonight presented by Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster. (Teletext) (244199)
6.10 Murder, She Wrote. *A famous bandleader dies* during his farewell performance but Jessica (Angela Lansbury) is on hand to solve the murder (r) (839267)
7.00 Celebrity Squares. Bob Monkhouse is joined by Roy Walker, Sean Blowers, Mike Doyle, Kim Hartman, Lesley Joseph, Bob Carolgees, Liza Goddard, Joe Pasquale and one of the Chippendales (s) (5248)
7.30 Coronation Street. Jim worries that he is at the centre of street gossip and Emily calls in the police. (Teletext) (248)
8.00 The Bill: On the Loose A savage pit bull terrier proves a challenge for PCs Loxton and Garfield. (Teletext) (4996)



Homework: single mum Janet Dibley (8.30pm)

8.30 The Gingerbread Girl. See Choice (6731)
9.00 Doctor Finlay. In the last in the series a famous singer arrives at the surgery. (Teletext) (s) (6441)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (336170) **10.15 *London Tonight*** *(Teletext) and weather* (236731)
10.20 Film: Swing Shift (1984). Disappointing comedy-drama starring Goldie Hawn as a second world war housewife who has an affair while her husband is away. With Kurt Russell. Directed by Jonathan Demme (615248)
12.15 The ITV Chart Show. Music videos (s) (383671)
1.15 Whale On. Debate and live music (389855)
2.20 Film: The Gambler — The Legend Continues. (1987). Kenny Rogers's third outing as the gambler Brady Hawkes, here involved with the Sioux Indians. Satisfying made-for-television western, directed by Dick Lowry. (75665328)
4.55 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Film reviews. (14078768) **5.25 Night Shift** (2222768)
5.30 News (13381). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sesame Street. Early learning programme (r) (3424985) **6.45 Dennis.** Cartoon (r) (3886977)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin *start the day live from a house in east London* (10557)
9.00 Wish Kid. Cartoon series (r) (99915)
9.30 Bach's St Matthew's Passion. Neubeum Choral Society and the Munich Bach Collegium perform J.S. Bach's choral masterpiece. Directed by Enoch Zu Guttenberg. First heard in 1729 (59160354)
12.45 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is Blair Underwood from the cast of *LA Law* (914624)
1.45 Film: The Student Prince (1954). Plodding version of Sigmund Romberg's operetta, starring Ann Blyth and Edmund Purdom and featuring the singing voice of Mario Lanza. Director Richard Thorpe (900286)
3.45 Gimme Shelter: Raising The Roof. A progress report on the Tyneside group trying to build their own homes. (8350712)
3.55 Eat Your Greens. A potato dish, borscht and an Indian twist to carrots are offered by cookery writer Sophie Grigson. This programme is complementary to her new series *Grow Your Greens* (9.00 tonight) (r). (Teletext)
4.30 Fifteen to One. A quick-fire general knowledge quiz show (Teletext) (s) (489)
5.00 TV Stations of the Cross. *The first of three daily* programmes about the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Christ as seen through art. The frescoes of Giotto di Bondone. (s) (9012712)
5.20 Take That and Party. *An interview with pop group* Take That! (s) (7869985)
6.40 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (905083)
6.45 Film: The Chain (1984). A comedy about the trials of moving house. The all-star cast includes Leo McKern, Nigel Hawthorne and Billie Whitelaw. Written by Jack Rosenthal and directed by Jack Gold. (Teletext) (66611354)
8.30 Brookside. (Teletext) (s) (4373)



Green tips: the Rev and Mrs Wilson (9.00pm)

9.00 Grow Your Greens. Cookery writer Sophie Grigson offers a fresh approach to growing vegetables. In today's programme she tackles pods and seeds and receives advice from a vicar. (Teletext) (9809)
9.30 Cheers. American comedy set in a Boston bar. When Carla's daughter Serafina announces she has to get married, mother throws a celebratory party (Teletext) (s) (17809)
10.00 Roseanne. American wisecracking comedy starring Roseanne Arnold and John Goodman. (Teletext) (s) (70880)
10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? Improvised comedy from Greg Proops, Ryan Stiles, Colin Mochrie and Josie Lawrence, refereed by Clive Anderson (s) (459373)
11.05 Brave New Worlds. See choice (238921)
12.10am Raising the Roof (4876923)
12.15 Film: Quatermass II. (1957, b/w). The *Movie Nightmares* season opens with this enjoyable science-fiction thriller in which Brian Donlevy as Professor Quatermass uncovers a plot to conceal an extraterrestial invasion. Director Val Guest (801294)
1.50 It's Showtime at the Apollo. With comedian Emo Phillips and singer Nona Hendryx (r) (6563671). Ends at **2.45**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.50pm A Country Practice (6965002) **2.20** Film: Cheetah (294441) **3.55-5.40** The A-Team (283460) **6.00** Home and Away (875083) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (731286) **12.20am** McCloud (521039) **1.50** Whale On (388126) **2.50** Raw Power (379478) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8337316) **4.45** *Riviera (14155861)* **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (6911774)

BORDER
As London except: 6.05pm Just For Laughs (874354) **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road (444) **12.15am** McCloud (521039) **1.45** Whale On (388126) **2.45** Raw Power (379428) **3.45** Entertainment UK (8337316) *4.40 Riviera (14155861) 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder* (6911774)

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.20am 50th Annual Golden Globe Awards (521039) **1.50** The Twilight Zone (65316) **2.20** Whale On (370107) **3.20** The Beat (472519) **4.20** Jobfinder (5958855) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8375923)

GRANADA
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Movies, Movies, Movies (9347606) **6.00** Home and Away (712) **6.30-7.00** Granada Sport: Kick Off (444) **12.20am** McCloud (521039) **1.50** Whale On (388126) **2.50** Raw Power (379478) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8337316) *4.45 Riviera (14155861)* **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (6911774)

HTV WEST
As London except: 6.00pm HTV News (244199) **6.10-7.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (839267) **12.15am** McCloud (521039) **1.45** Whale On (388126) **2.45** Raw Power (379478) **3.45** Entertainment UK (8337316) *4.40 Riviera (14155861) 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder* (691774)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.10 Wales at Six

MERIDIAN
As London except: 1.45-2.20 The A-Team (1323731) **6.00** Meridian News (244199) **6.10-7.00** Stuntmasters (839267) **12.20am** Twilight Zone (1479818) **1.05** Whale On (9089942) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (2914687) **2.35** Raw Power (2032861) **3.35** Cue the Music (8240836) **4.30** Zorro (44300) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (15300)

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.20pm Scotland Today (50602967) **1.45** Home and Away (847538) **2.15** Cartoon Time (15607915) **2.25-5.10** Film: Guys and Dolls (37423460) **6.00** Scotland Today (712) **6.30** Take the High Road (444) **7.00-7.30** Scottish International (5248) **10.15** Scotsport Extra Time (729793) **10.45-10.55** Scotland Today (283422) **12.50am** Taxi (69132) **1.15** Whale On (5104923) **2.10** The Big E (5531774) **3.15** America's Top Ten (90684364) **3.30** Scottish International (24060045) **4.00-5.30** Film: Sextette (7631186)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 6.00pm-6.10 Cartoon Time (244199) **12.15am** Meditations for Holy Week **12.30** The Twilight Zone (4961045) **1.05** Whale On (9089942) **2.05** The Big E (283324) **3.00** Film: The Crooked Road **4.40** Get Wet (70302861) **5.10-5.30** Short Story Theatre

ULSTER
As London except: 2.40pm-5.10 Film: The Egyptian (33484660) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (99462) **10.20** Kelly (0) **11.50** Music From the Bridge (724248) **12.20am** McCloud (521039) **1.50** Whale On (388126) **2.50** Raw Power (379478) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8337316) **4.45** Riviera (14155861) **5.10-5.30** Jobfinder (6911774)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 6.00pm-6.10 Westcountry Latest (244199) **12.20am** McCloud (521039) **1.50** Whale On (388126) **2.50** Raw Power (379478) **3.50** Entertainment UK (8337316) **4.45** Riviera (14155861) *5.10-5.30 Jobfinder (6911774)*

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55pm-6.10 Calendar News (351712) **12.35** The Twilight Zone (4961045) **1.05** Whale On (9089942) **2.05** The Big E (283324) **3.00** Film: The Crooked Road **4.40** Get Wet (70302861) **5.10-5.30** Short Story Theatre

S4C
Starts: 9.00 Wish Kid (99915) **9.30** Bach's St Matthew's Passion (59160354) **12.45** Slot Meithrin (849996) **1.15** Blossom (846809) **1.45** Film: The Student Prince (900286) **3.45** Gimme Shelter (8918016) **4.10** Slot 23 (7712354) **4.45** Countdown (4697118) **5.30** Brookside (441) **6.00** News (235441) **6.10** Fideo 9 (958422) **6.30** Chwedl Lochnager (606) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (6118) **7.30** Y Maes Chwarae (118) **8.00** Cân Gwlad (2538) **8.30** News (178557) **8.40** Requiem Almenig (3436460) **10.00** Roseanne (70880) **10.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? (459373) **11.05** Brave New Worlds (238921) **12.10** Gimme Shelter (4876923) **12.15-1.50** Film: Quatermass II (801294)

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30 Children's Programmes **6.30** Home and Away (60413793) **6.55** Nuacht (63142644) **7.00** Didgeridoo (29548441) **7.30** Coronation Street (47387151) **8.00** News (89327151) **8.05** Time Out (89326422) **8.10** Stations of the Cross (283324) **9.30** *News (283324)* **9.35** *US Masters Golf*

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (24845286) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (5244335) **9.10** Cartoons (5369538) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (59609) **10.00** Strike It Rich (18625) **10.30** Concentration (11151) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (59335) **11.30** Falcon Crest (48847) **12.30pm** E Street (63625) **1.00** Another World (283324) **1.45** Santa Barbara (283324) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (283324) **3.15** Diff'rent Strokes (475335) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (4010538) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1441) **6.00** Games World (5373) **6.30** E Street (6625) **7.00** Rescue (2170) **7.30** Family Ties (2609) **8.00** V (27259) **9.00** WWF Superstars of Wrestling (88335) **10.00** Code 3 (36460) **10.30** Star Trek: The Next *Generation (50460)*. *11.30 Studs (14809)* **12.00** Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (30998) **6.30** News and Business Report (163731) **9.30** Nightline (44731) **10.30** 48 Hours (47539) **11.30** International Business Report (46489) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (47575) **1.30** Good Morning America (97034) **2.30** Parliament (94335) **3.30** The Lords (31267) **4.30** News and Business Report (2422) *5.00 Live at Five (10798)* *6.30 News* and Business Report (84034) **7.30** 48 Hours (3151) **10.30** Nightline (58002) **11.30** ABC News (28373) **12.30am** 48 Hours (53687) **1.30** ABC News (22590) **2.30** Getaway (58010) **3.30** ABC News (60855) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (51590) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (68855)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (6039118)
10.00 Smokey and the Bandit II (1980): Comedy with Burt Reynolds (57441)
12.00 Tell Me No Lies (1990): Katharine Helmond's son is not her own (23557)
2.00pm Life Stinks (1991) Mel Brooks spends a month on the streets (53642)
4.00 The Adventures of Hercules (1985): Sword-and-sorcery story (6373)
6.00 Survive the Savage Sea (1992): Robert Urich and Ali MacGraw are cast adrift in the Pacific (92598)
8.00 Talent for the Game (1991): Edward James Olmos discovers baseball player Jeff Corbett (39489441) **9.40 US Top Ten**
10.00 Backdraft (1991): Kurt Russell and William Baldwin play fire-fighters (41373793)
12.15am A Force of One (1979): Martial arts drama with Chuck Norris (445652)
1.50 Bethune — The Making of a Hero (1990): Political biopic (83527403)

4.00 Blood Oath (1990): Japanese soldiers are tried for war crimes. Starring Bryan Brown (158497). Ends at **5.45**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.15pm The Beast with Five Fingers (1946, b/w): A pianist's severed hand menaces Peter Lorre (67644557)
8.00 The Great Missouri Raid (1950, b/w): The adventures of Frank and Jesse James during the American civil war (62335)
10.00 The Gauntlet (1977). Clint Eastwood *escorts witness Sondra Locke to trial* (451002). Ends at **11.55**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Around the World with Dot: Animation and live action (3506460)
7.20 Delta Space Mission (4167783)
8.35 Bullshot (1983): Comedy adventures of Bulldog Drummond (5576118)
10.05 Flight to Tangier (1953): A cache of money is lost in a plane crash (95665977)
12.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (1983). Cartoon (21199)
2.00pm Trapeze (1956): Circus drama starring Burt Lancaster (53624)
4.00 Shout (1991). Fifties musical romance starring John Travolta (4915)
6.00 Drop Dead Fred *(1991) Rik Mayall is* Phoebe Cates's imaginary friend (83880)
8.00 The Hard Way (1991). Michael J Fox shadows cop James Woods (95825)
10.00 Death Dreams (1990). Supernatural thriller starring Christopher Reeve (547373)
11.45 Rainbow Drive (1990) Peter Weller investigates a cover-up (553354)
1.25am Run (1990). Patrick Dempsey is *accused of murder (244377)*
3.00 Signs of Life (1989). Ensemble drama about the closure of a boat-building yard (87590) Ends at **4.30**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Stretch (43335) **7.00** ATP Tour Magazine (69625) **7.30** Netbusters (91460) **8.00** The Boot Room (52793) **9.00** Stretch (89151) **9.30** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (16793) **10.00** Wrestlemania IX (36557) **12.00** Snooker (270335) **2.30pm** Super Sunday Extra: Wimbledon v Crystal Palace *(684489) 5.00 The Big League: Wigan v* St Helens (70087538) **6.45** Super Sunday Extra: Sheffield Utd v Manchester City (91508034) **9.30** Snooker (283324) **11.00** Superbikes (77606) **12.30-4.00am** Super Sunday Extra Highlights (4087557)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (93828) **8.00** Show Jumping (87489) **9.00** NHL American Ice Hockey (62460) **11.00** European Football (22084) **1.00pm** European Grand Prix, Donington (33480) **2.00** Ice Hockey (53083) **3.30** Eurofun (1737) **4.00** Karting (91335) **5.00** Motorcycling Magazine (3064) **5.30** European Grand Prix (67793) **6.30** News (1593) **7.00** *Motorsport Magazine* (59847) **8.00** Ice Hockey (283324) **9.00** American Basketball (283324) **9.30** Boxing (42828) **11.00** European Grand Prix (83441) **12.00** Tennis (96652) **12.30-1.00am** News (55861)

UK GOLD
6.00am Rainbow (12803996) **6.15** Button Moon (12891151) **6.30** Dungeons and Dragons (6340002) **7.00** Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers (3092002) **7.30** Neighbours (3088809) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1427538) **8.30** EastEnders (1426809) **9.00** The Bill (1440489) **9.30** The Brothers (5290712) **10.30** Tenko (6984354) **11.30** No Place Like Home (1911538) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1420625) **12.30pm** Neighbours (9859460) *1.00 EastEnders* (3091373) **1.30** The Bill (9858731) **2.00** Never the Twain (7583828) **2.30** Solo (5043278) **3.00** Dallas (1915354) **4.00** Dynasty (1934489) **5.00** Candid Camera (7567880) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (5748426) **6.00** Neighbours (4693737) **6.30** The Brothers (3842441) **7.30** Never the Twain (8093593) **8.00** EastEnders (7563064) **8.30** Solo (7582199) **9.00** Tenko (9615118) **10.00** The Bill (1421354) **10.30** Alas Smith and Jones (1430002) **11.00** The Kenny Everett Television Show (1935118) **11.30** Dr Who: The Claws of Axos (6337538) **12.00** *Film: Terror from the Year 5000 (1958, b/w)* starring Ward Costello (32139590) **1.15-2.00am** Video Bites (1058749)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (84267) **7.00** Ratkan II (57625) **9.00** New Kids on the Block (43373) **9.30** The Bears' Island (70915) **10.00** Ali for One (20083) **10.30** New Adventures of He-Man (49557) **11.00** The New Fantastic Four (48267) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (49996) **12.00** Dominic (60538) **1.00pm** Super Mario Brothers (50712) **1.30** New Adventures of He-Man (73002) **2.00** Good Sports (4016) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (1915) **3.00** Kissy Fur (2731) **3.30** RatKan II (62606) **5.00-7.00** TCC (44002)

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes with The Early Breakfast Show (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **1.00pm** John Peel **3.00** Gary Davies in the Afternoon **6.30** News '93 **6.35** Sheffield Sound City '93: Music from Utah Saints, Aphex Twin, Sunscreem, M-People, Stereo MCs and Jamiroquai **10.00** Talk of the Devil. Man Ezeke tells the story of Satan's role in history **10.45** John Peel (FM only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** David Jacobs **1.00pm** Norman Wisdom: A Career. See Choice **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** Ed Stewart **6.00** Katie's Eurovision **7.00** A Song for Europe (with BBC1) **7.40** Friday Night is Music Night **9.00** Listen to the Band: Desford Colliery Caterpillar Band under Stephen Roberts **10.00** Paul Cola **12.05-4.00am** John Terrett with Night Ride

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service: Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.30** The AM Alternative with Janice Long **11.30** Football Plus **2.00pm** They Think It's All Over (r) **2.30** Sports Plus: Wigan v St Helens in the Stones Bitter championship **4.45** Five Aside **6.30** Wicked Words **7.15** A Fishbone of Fairytales: The Prince and the Goose Girl, by Elinor Mordaunt **7.30** Football Plus **8.45** Euromix **9.30** Inside Sasha. Third of a six-part story by Stuart Silver (r) **10.10** Rave, incl **11.00** Sport **12.00-12.10am** News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** World News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** The Poisoned Leaf **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Bach's St Matthew Passion **10.00** World News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** Seven Seas **10.45** Sports Magazine **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** The Poisoned Leaf **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Age of Iron **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News Headlines in French **4.30** Heute Aktuelle **5.00** World News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** World News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell *7.05 German Features 8.00 World* News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** World News **12.05am** Salt, Mustard, Vinegar, Pepper **12.15** Worldbrief **12.30** *Multitrack 3* *1.00* Newsdesk *1.30 From the* Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: Wild Dandelions **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** World News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Michael Fenstone **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Celebrity Choice (r) **2.00** Lunchtime Concerto. Bartók (Concerto for Orchestra); Monteverdi (Psalm 109, from Vespers of 1610) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** *Classic FM Concert from Westminster Cathedral. Mozart (Jupiter Symphony); Mozart* (Requiem) **10.00** Adrian Love **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: European Media Empires?
6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air,** with Chris de Souza, including Dame Ethel Smyth (Overture, The Wreckers); Haydn (Symphony No 49 in F minor, La Passione); Handel (Flute Suite in G, Water Music); Korngold (Piano Trio, Op 1)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Schubert. Three Marches militaires, D733 (Paul Badura-Skoda and Jörg Demus, piano duet); Freiwilliges Versinken, D700 (Thomas Hampson, baritone, Graham Johnson, piano), Piano Quintet in D, D667, Trout (Elisabeth Leonskaja; Members of the Alban Berg Quartet; Georg Hörtnagel, double bass)
10.00 Morning Sequence: Bach, orch Webern (Ricercare, The Musical Offering); Isaac (Optime Pastor); Panufnik (Sinfonia Concertante); Gideon Klein (Fantasie and Fugue); Mendelssohn (Mein Gott warum hast du mich verlassen?); Bach, arr Liszt (Fantasia and Fugue in G minor); Cornelius (Stabat Mater); *Lili Boulanger* (Nocturne; Cortège; D'un matin de printemps); Poulenc (Sept Répons des Ténèbres)
12.00 *The Way of the Cross:* Taverner Choir under Andrew Parrott sings Anon (Stabat Mater); Liszt (Via Crucis) (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Duncan McTier, double bass, Kathron Sturrock, piano, perform Lennox Berkeley (Introduction and Allegro); Mendelssohn, arr McTier (Lied ohne Worte, Op 109); *Fauré, arr* McTier (Elegy, Op 24); Barber (Excursions for piano); Bottesini (Fantasy on La Sonnambula)
2.00 The Virtuoso Chamber Orchestra: The 1940s and 1950s. The second of seven programmes on the development of the chamber orchestra in the 20th century. Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D), Stravinsky (Suite, Pulcinella); Handel (Overture, Anodante); Stravinsky (Concerto, Dumbarton Oaks); *Mozart* (Piano Concerto No 19 in F, K459, third movement); Elgar (Introduction and Allegro); Strauss (Suite, Le bourgeois gentilhomme)
4.00 Bach: Ich Habe Genug (Hans Hotter, baritone; Philharmonia Orchestra under Anthony Bernard)
4.30 The Sephardic World of Music, presented by Alex Knapp
5.00 In Tune, with Richard Baker
7.30 St Matthew Passion: Bach's meditation on the life of Christ, recorded in the Concertgebouw, Amsterdam. *Netherlands Chamber Choir;* Boys of St Bavo, Harlem; Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra under Ton *Koopman perform part one.* With Hans Peter Blochwitz as the Evangelist and Olaf Bär as Christus. **8.40** The Passion Revived. An account of Mendelssohn 1829 revival of the *St Matthew Passion.* **8.45** Part two
10.45 A Stranger in a Strange **Land:** Our Mothers' Voices, Men and Boxes. Ingrid Lewis presents the first of two *programmes on black* American women writers
11.30 Midnight Oil: Wayne Siegel (Eclipse); Michael Alcorn (A Sad Song); *Kaija Saariaho* (Nuits, adieux); Steve Montague (Tigida Pipa); and Singcircle in session
12.30-12.35am News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** *Weather 7.45 Thought for the* Day **8.43** Richard Matthewman (5/6) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island ***Discs*** *with the scientist* Professor Richard Gregory (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00-10.30 News; Murder Most Foul (FM only): The Use of Maggots. The last of six murder cases featuring the pathologist Dr Keith Simpson
10.00 Love So Amazing (LW only): A special devotion for Good Friday from St Stephen's Church, Walbrook, in London
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only until 11am) discusses the privatisation of the Forestry Commission; meets Hannah Jones, a bingo-caller turned singer; reports on mixed-sex hospital wards, and a library service for New Age travellers
10.45 Letters to a Friend I Never Knew (LW only): Ted Harrison writes to his kidney transplant donor (5/6)
11.30 The Natural History **Programme,** presented by George Macpherson
12.00 You and Yours, with *Tasneem Siddiqi*
12.25pm The Food Programme reports from Russia and the *Ukraine 12.55 Weather*
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: La Bête Humaine (r). *See Choice*
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde explores the life and work of Philip Larkin
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope visits the Georgia O'Keefe exhibition at the Hayward Gallery; talks to the artist James Turrell, who works in an extinct volcano; listens to the saxophonist Barbara Thompson; and the Irish writer Clare Boylan talks *about her new book, The Agony and the Ego*
4.45 Short Story: The Bishop's Lunch, by Michèle Roberts. Read by Samantha Bond (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places reports from Washington and Detroit
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Russell Davies
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs a topical debate in Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, between Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, leader of the Liberal Democrat peers; Gerald Kaufman, MP; Ann Leslie, journalist and broadcaster; and Chris Patten, *governor of Hong Kong*
8.50 Stop Press, presented by John Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Underneath *the Arches. Louise Buck* explores railway station architecture (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: On the Third Day, by Piers Paul Read. Charles Simpson reads the fifth of ten parts
11.00 Watching Old Movies: The actress Maxine Audley and her husband, actor Leo Maguire, talk to Carole Rosen (r)
11.25 Love Burning Deep: Kathy *Galloway reflects on the* Stations of the Cross
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** *As World Service (LW only)*

CHOICE

Norman Wisdom: A Career. *Radio 2, 1.00pm.*
Without being hurtful, *or straying* too far from Radio 2's remit to be an entertainment network, interviewer Roy Pickard could have probed more deeply into the real Norman Wisdom as distinct from the *showbusiness projection* of him. It might be doing the comedian a favour to let him reminisce at length about his career, but many listeners will have heard it all before. Many times. Norman Wisdom the man has again been left waiting in the wings, while Wisdom the comic takes the stage.

La Bête Humaine. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
It is customary, when *recommending* a radio version of a book or film, to warn against comparing it too closely with the original. It is rarely as good. An honourable exception is Sally Hedges's serialisation of Zola's novel *about dark* deeds along the railway tracks of northern France. It is faithful to Zola and as passionate as Jean Renoir's 1938 film version. Michael Maloney plays Jacques Lantier, the fatalistic train driver. Imogen Stubbs is Séverine, his fatal lover. Barrington Pheloung's music makes a potent contribution. **Peter Davalle**

FREQUENCIES: RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM-88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM-90.2-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; *FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9;* WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM-100-102.

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FATHERS AND SONS TEE OFF IN GAME OF CHANGING FORTUNES

Bell sounds for Lewis and Bruno

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH boxing followers should be able to see the heavyweight bout they have been waiting for this year — Lennox Lewis against Frank Bruno. Lewis has decided to defend his World Boxing Council title against Bruno and has left it to his negotiators to settle on the time, the place and the money.

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, Dan Duva, the champion's American promoter, and Mickey Duff, who is Bruno's promoter, have started discussions on the staging of the biggest bout Britain will have seen. The contest could gross £18 million and draw a crowd of around 82,000.

Two dates, September 4 and 11, have been pencilled in by three football grounds interested in staging the bout — Old Trafford, Birmingham City and Wembley. Maloney has talked to Martin Edwards, the chairman of Manchester United, and has been told the ground will have a capacity of 65,000, but Jarvis Astaire, the vice-chairman of Wembley, was confident that his stadium, with its capacity of 82,000, would get it.

Wembley, of course, was the scene of Bruno's first world title challenge against Tim Witherspoon in 1986, when 36,000 saw the American bludgeon their hero to the floor in the eleventh round. A year later, the other big domestic affair between Bruno and Joe Bugner at Tottenham Hotspur football ground drew 28,000.

The purse that the boxers will share has not been revealed, but Bruno has said he would not take less than 25 per cent of the out-of-the-hat figure of £10 million reported recently. Bruno's promoter, Duff, raised the demand yesterday to 30 per cent, but was immediately pulled up by Duva, speaking from New Jersey on a conference line. He said that a challenger in a voluntary defence could not expect more than ten per cent, the kind of percentage Riddick Bowe, the other world champion, the World Boxing Association and International Boxing Federation one, was giving his next challenger, Jesse Ferguson.

Bruno was being greedy, Duva said: "The 25 per cent is for mandatory challenges, but most ordinary challenges get less than ten per cent, like Ferguson. Frank Bruno mustn't be greedy. If he believes he can win, it's stupid to pass up the opportunity for a couple of hundred thousand dollars."

Duva said that if Bruno believed in himself, he should grab the chance to challenge for the world title just as Evander Holyfield had done when he challenged James "Buster" Douglas. "Holyfield said, 'Give me the opportunity,' and didn't want anything more than an opportunity, and he won," he said, "but if you don't think you can win, then you negotiate hard."

Duff is probably one of the cleverest negotiators in the business and no doubt he will claim that Bruno has as strong a hand as Lewis. But, in fact, Bruno has little more to bring to the negotiating table than his popularity, which means nothing the other side of the Atlantic. It will be interesting to see what kind of crowd he draws against Carl "The Truth" Williams at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on April 24. The arena seating is for 9,000. So far, 4,500 tickets have been sold, which is better than the last time Bruno appeared at Wembley arena against Pierre Coetzer, of South Africa. How can we be sure that all this Lewis v Bruno talk is not just so much hype for the NEC show?

At 30, Britain's best-loved sportsman has no more than a puncher's chance of beating Lewis and is very lucky to be getting a third chance to challenge for the world title. When all the tough talking is over and time is running out and pressures start growing on Bruno to settle, he will have to take whatever Lewis's men want to give.

He needs Lewis at this stage of his career. As Duva said, there was no point of talking about percentages of the purse. It was better to stick to how much money Bruno could reasonably expect. I believe Bruno would be lucky to receive £1.5 million. Lewis would take around £4.5 million. If the show does gross around £18 million, it will leave a neat £12 million to be split among the promoters and the men behind Lewis and to pay the bills.

Clough gains support of Forest chairman

BY DENNIS SHAW

BRIAN Clough, the longest-serving football manager in England, was yesterday given the unequivocal backing of his chairman at Nottingham Forest, despite the club's plight at the foot of the Premier League.

"The world is full of people who want to sack everybody," Fred Reacher said. "Brian Clough is the manager here, under contract to May 1994. His appetite is still there. We're not talking about going down. There are 18 points still to be played for and I cannot think of a better guy then Brian Clough to help us to get them. He has shown loyalty and I am a loyal man, too. He is the best manager we could have and he is in charge."

Reacher's declaration of support for Clough, 58 and the Forest manager for 18 years, came after supporters booed their team off the field after their 3-1 defeat against Blackburn Rovers on Wednesday, their tenth home league defeat of the season.

Forest have won only one of their last eight games and are four points adrift of safety with six games to go, starting with the visit to Queens Park Rangers tomorrow.

"When Clough came here we had a ground with 5,000 benches and a team worth only a few bob," Reacher said. "Now we have a magnificent stadium with 22,000 seats and 37 executive boxes, plus a team that is worth millions. All of this is down to Brian Clough." Reacher said Clough was disheartened by the defeat against Blackburn, "but he still has the appetite for the job".

Another club with relegation worries, Sheffield United, are under investigation by the commercial branch of South Yorkshire police, who have received a complaint about the financial affairs and running of the club.

The move comes against a background of legal wrangling over the ownership of the club between Paul Woolhouse, the club's chief executive, and Len Brealey, the brother of the club's former chairman. A club statement said that its finances had not been as good for many years and there would be no objection to any form of official enquiry.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Screen test: Ayrton Senna in reflective mood at Donington Park yesterday, monitoring progress in the first practice session for the European grand prix on Sunday. Hill on right track, page 32

Janzen leads Masters after surge by Palmer

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES
IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

TRADITION is everything at Augusta National. There is no escaping it. The first people on the first tee on the first day of the Masters tournament yesterday were Gene Sarazen, aged 91, Byron Nelson, 81, and Sam Snead, 80. The first name on the leader board was that of Arnold Palmer.

The undisputed king of golf until Jack Nicklaus came along, Palmer is now 63 and won the last of his four green jackets in 1964. Yesterday, on a sunny morning with little breeze, he started with three birdies, and enough of his army had answered reveille to make a respectable din as the putts went in. A Palmer charge is not sustainable these days but he likes to reassure his followers that their memories, while fading, do not play tricks.

It was, however, left to a younger man to spend his afternoon telling himself that the Masters is played over four rounds and that just because he had scored 67, five under par it did not mean anything much.

Lee Janzen, the young man in question, a 28-year Minnesotan who lives in Florida, is no novice. He has already won twice, in Tucson last year and in Phoenix this January. He has also led a major championship before. At Muirfield last year, he shot 66 in the first round of the Open. "I played early then too and I came down 18 leading. But I wasn't leading for long," he recalled.

"This is my second Masters," he said, "and the first year is intimidating. There's a lot of hype and there are so many ghosts out there, you remember all the great shots and great rounds you've seen on television. It gives you a different feeling. There's no other like it."

Janzen's round was far from perfect but he is nothing if not a realist, who accepts bogeys and little local difficulties as part of the game. A talented college player, he turned professional in 1986 but halfway through his first season, on tour, 1990, he realised he did not have a game at all. He decided to change everything and when he said everything, he meant it — grip, posture, ball position, stance, takeaway.

Yesterday, Janzen struggled with his driving on the front nine. At the second, for example, he hooked into a creek but played his ball out of the water with a seven-iron, hit a six-iron to 35 feet and holed the putt for a birdie four.

Out in 35, one under par, Janzen came home in 32. The first of his four homeward birdies was at the 12th, where he hit an eight-iron to 18 feet. Euphoria is the common emotion after such a feat but Janzen dampened his own ardour by blocking his three-iron second shot, from a difficult lie, into the creek in front of the 13th green. He took a drop this time and holed from ten feet for his par. Birdies at the 14th, 15th and 17th ensured a drip-dry finish.

Tony Johnstone, the Zimbabwean, who was playing with Janzen, was suitably inspired. He was six over par after 11 holes — his worst golf for three or four years — but played the last seven in four under. "At one stage I felt I was playing hockey while Lee was playing golf," he said.

Janzen's early pursuers included Nicklaus, who birdied the first two holes and was three under par with six to play. The first of the Europeans proved less of a threat, with Severiano Ballesteros, out in 38, finishing in 74. Sandy Lyle was two over after nine while Ian Woosnam, in despair after spending something like seven hours beating balls on the practice ground the other day, went out in 35, one under. Stephen Dundas, the Amateur champion, was six over par after six, having started with a six.

Tom Kite, the US Open champion, decided to risk his bad back and was one under par after two holes.

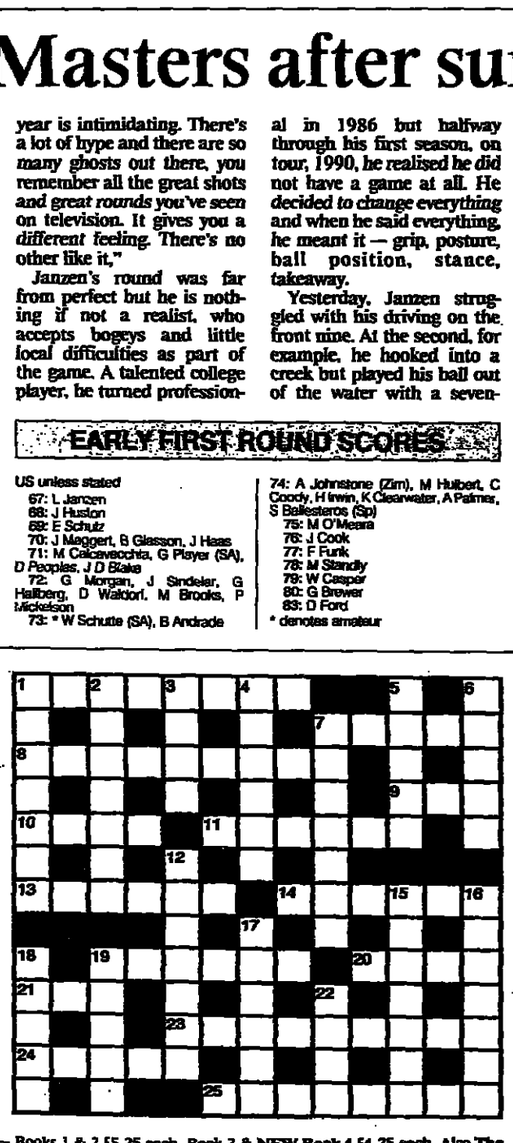
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US unless stated
67: L Janzen
68: J Huston
68: E Schulz
70: J Maggert, B Glasson, J Haas
71: M Calcavecchia, G Player (SA), D Peoples, J D Blake
72: G Morgan, J Sindelar, G Hallberg, D Waldorf, M Brooks, P Mickelson
73: * W Schuttle (SA), B Andrade
74: A Johnstone (Zim), M Hulbert, C Coody, H Irwin, K Clearwater, A Palmer, S Ballesteros (Sp)
75: M O'Meara
76: J Cook
77: F Funk
78: M Standly
79: W Casper
80: G Brewer
83: D Ford
* denotes amateur

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 3068

ACROSS
1 Coffee stimulant (8)
7 Malice (5)
8 Carrying supplies (9)
9 And the rest (3)
10 Brisk pace (6)
11 Partition (6)
13 German songs (6)
14 Sheep's stomach dish (6)
19 Snub (6)
20 Volcano magma (4)
21 Trophy (3)
23 Experiment tester (6,3)
24 Compel (5)
25 Caribou (8)

DOWN
1 US Congress building (7)
2 Severely deteriorated (3,4)
3 Always (4)
4 Subtle difference (6)
5 Female fox (5)
6 Magistrates (6)
7 More than a few (7)
12 Surround (7)
15 Wrestle (7)
16 Walk unsteadily (7)
17 Saint's tomb (6)
18 Devour (5)
19 Good loser (5)
22 Frond plant (4)



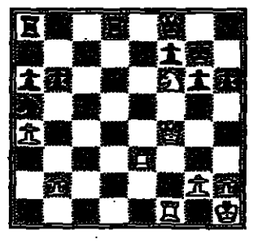
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Pugatov — Pospelov, Sweden 1992. White's forthcoming sacrifice is not too difficult to spot, but it must be followed up correctly. Can you calculate the sequence that leads to checkmate?



Solution on page 32

WORD WATCHING

By PHILIP HOWARD

LOCOUM
a. A median line on a map
b. A phonetic unit
c. Turkish delight

TETROMINO
a. A planar domino shape
b. A long-horned grasshopper
c. A Mexican language

EPIRRHEMA
a. A speech to the audience
b. A nasal boil
c. Ironic exaggeration

RAMBLAGE
a. Senile dementia
b. The right to ramble
c. Lost property

Answers on page 32

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